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Efforts to break Gulf truce impasse

UN chief floats 3-point formula

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 5. (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today Iraq was still demanding direct talks with Iran as a condition for a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

After meeting Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz for the first time in a week, the secretary-general said: "They maintain their position on direct talks, which I have to respect, of course."

He also disclosed he was discussing a formula that might bridge the conflicting positions between Iraq and Iran, which has refused to enter face-to-face negotiations until a truce is in effect.

Ignored

Aziz brushed past correspondents after a meeting with Perez de Cuellar that lasted just under an hour.

When asked about a report that Iraq was seeking Security

Council guarantees that Iran would comply if the Iraqis accepted a truce, Riyadh Al Qaysi, a senior member of the Iraqi delegation, ignored the question as he joined colleagues in an official limousine.

Earlier, sources close to the peace talks here said Perez de Cuellar was floating a three-point compromise to break the deadlock.

Iraq insists on direct talks before any ceasefire. Iran says a ceasefire must come first, with the possibility of face-to-face negotiations later.

Assurances

The sources said Perez de Cuellar would ask both sides for assurances they are interested in implementing all parts of a year-old Security Council resolution that provides for a ceasefire and a comprehensive settlement of the eight-year-old conflict.

Iraq has expressed fears that Iran, which accepted the resolu-

tion only last month, wants only a temporary truce to regroup after recent battlefield losses.

The secretary-general was also said to be seeking assurances the two belligerents would hold direct talks on a final settlement shortly after the start of a ceasefire.

The third point in the formula would be an announcement by the secretary-general, before a ceasefire, that he had received these two assurances.

There was no confirmation of the reported compromise formula from UN spokesmen, Iran or Iraq.

Perez de Cuellar's meeting with Aziz was their fourth public announcement since talks began early last week.

The secretary-general held his seventh meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati yesterday.

He also planned a private briefing for Security Council members later in the day on a

report he has received on the mechanics of a Gulf ceasefire.

The report was presented to him yesterday by Lieutenant General Martin Vadset of Norway, who recently led a team of UN military experts to Iran and Iraq.

Mission

Perez de Cuellar said he expected to give council members a detailed written report on Vadset's mission next Wednesday.

Asked if he would be able to set a ceasefire date early next week, he said, without elaborating: "I think that next week I will be in a position to tell you something."

In London, a US diplomat said today that the permanent members of the UN Security Council have assured Iraq that all provisions of a ceasefire in the Gulf war with Iran would be implemented.

Iraq has been seeking the Security Council guarantees for weeks.

We want comprehensive peace: Sheikh Hamad



Sheikh Hamad

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THE Gulf region wants peace to prevail after a long period of tension and war, the Crown Prince of Bahrain said.

In an exclusive interview, Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa said: "We do not want a truce only, we want a comprehensive peace that will bring back the good neighbourly relations and tranquility to the whole region."

Sheikh Hamad hoped that the end of the Gulf war will lead to the end of the Middle East conflict or at least it will prepare the ground towards solving the

problem. He also said that the super-powers want to put an end to tensions in many places in the world and the Gulf region is one of them. He quoted Western officials as saying that the Iran-Iraq war was on the verge of ending and the only question remaining to be solved is the Palestinian issue in the Middle East.

Truce

The Crown Prince said Iraq has the right to ensure Iran's intentions towards peace. "It should be known that Iraq's refusal to accept only a ceasefire is the demand of the whole

region. A comprehensive peace is a legitimate demand. Iran should positively respond to this wish as it really represents the true path towards achieving durable peace."

"Anything outside this understanding would indicate something different, and perhaps, opposite to peace. It may mean that what is wanted (by Iran) is merely an unstable truce that can be broken or violated at any time, thus returning to the warfare, which Iraq and the rest of the states in the Gulf oppose."

Sheikh Hamad said: "We do not want to look at the end of the

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Kuwait agrees to arms package restrictions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5. (AP): The administration of President Ronald Reagan and congressional critics of selling weapons to Kuwait have reached agreement on an arms package for the Arab nation that includes some Maverick missiles, two of the critics have said.

Kuwait has agreed to restrictions on the arms package, and the agreement between the administration and critics in Congress means the deal can go ahead, said congressmen Larry Smith and Mel Levine, both Democrats.

Intended

The Reagan administration told Congress a month ago that it intended to sell \$1.9 billion worth of F-18 jets and missiles to Kuwait. The missiles were to include Mavericks, Sidewinders, Sparrows and Harpoons.

Kuwait said it wanted the weapons to defend itself against Iran, but critics said the jets and the missiles could be turned against Israel. The Senate voted to strip the Mavericks from the sale.

Under the compromise, said

Smith, the sale of the 40 F-18s will go ahead, but the delivery date will be delayed one year, to 1994. The original intention was to deliver the planes by 1993. Kuwait will be required to return one of its ageing US-made A-4 planes for each F-18 it receives.

The deal will only include the "G" anti-ship version of the Maverick, rather than the more sophisticated "D" Maverick, Smith said.

The congressmen said negotiations with the administration on the Kuwait deal also produced for the first time written assurances barring procurement of equipment to allow the F-18s to be refuelled in flight, extending their range, and barred Kuwait from transferring any of the weapons to third countries.

Assurance

Levine said Reagan's National Security Adviser, Colin Powell, had said Kuwait accepted the conditions and the assurances were being signed by Secretary of State George Shultz.

Smith said the agreement could serve as a pattern for arms sales to other countries.

Underground leaders may declare independence

Jordan laying off Palestinian officials in West Bank

AMMAN, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Jordan has agreed to discuss with the PLO its decision to sever links with the West Bank as it axed payments to nearly 30,000 civil servants and teachers in the Israeli-occupied territory.

A date for the Palestine Liberation Organisation's mission would be set within days, the official news agency Petra reported after Amman's PLO representative met Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai yesterday.

Arafat will visit Jordan very soon.

Underground leaders of the eight-month-old Palestinian uprising may soon issue a "declaration of independence" designed to fill the power vacuum left by Jordan in the West Bank, Palestinian sources said today.

Contacts

A Palestinian source who demanded anonymity said a declaration of independence, although unlikely to be accepted by Israel, could pave the way for local contacts with Israeli authorities and get around Israeli opposition to dealing with the PLO.

The source said local Palestinian groups such as doctors and lawyers' unions would replace Jordanian-run organisations. They would have authority to discuss day-to-day administrative questions and at the same time be conduits to discuss broader issues.

The source said a declaration was a "serious option" and drafts were currently being studied by the united national leadership for the uprising, a clandestine group linked to the PLO.

The proposed document implicitly recognizes Israel's right to exist, the source said, adding it calls for a state in "only part of Palestine," the West Bank and Gaza — not inside Israel's generally accepted boundaries.

Jordanian officials said 2,500 public servants hired before Israel's 1967 capture of the West Bank would be retired on Aug. 16. Subsidies to 16,000 others would stop.

Legal

"Of course, if anyone comes to us and says he does not want to retain his passport we'll take it back," added the official, who asked not to be identified.

He did not say if Amman would continue to issue new passports following King Hussein's decision to cut legal and administrative ties with the Israeli-occupied territory.

But he said the cabinet would study the passport issue tomorrow. "It is a complex issue that needs thorough study before we take measures to enforce the rupture in ties," he said.

The official said a special committee would be set up to tighten rules that now allow West Bank residents, many of whom have relatives in Jordan, to travel across the Jordan River bridges. He did not say how the rules might be changed but said the bridges would stay open unless the PLO wanted them closed.

The official also said a higher committee for the occupied territories would be dissolved. The committee headed by the prime minister was set up after

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Iran attacks tanker in Gulf

DUBAI, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Iran renewed attacks on Gulf shipping yesterday and Iraqi jets raided Iranian oil centres as UN efforts to end the nearly eight-year-old war remained deadlocked.

An Iranian gunboat raked the 284,502-tonne Norwegian tanker *Berge Lord* with machinegun fire 25 miles off Dubai, inflicting minor damage in the first such attack since Tehran accepted a Security Council ceasefire resolution on July 18.

In Baghdad, a military spokesman said Iraqi jets attacked oil centres some 100 km (60 miles) inside southwestern Iran. "The raids aimed at depriving the Iranian regime of the oil resources which finance its war effort," the spokesman said.

Attacked

The raids were the second Iraqi air attack in as many days. On Wednesday its jets attacked an oil pumping station and the Kangan gas plant, under construction in southwestern Iran.

Iran confirmed the raids on both days, saying several workers were injured.

In the Gulf, the Norwegian captain of the 284,502-tonne tanker *Berge Lord*, Klausen Leif, told Reuters by ship-to-shore telephone that an Iranian gunboat fired a machinegun at his bridge when he ignored an order to halt, for an inspection.

Iran denied responsibility for the raid, saying it had probably been launched by "those who are

against a stable peace in the region and are hampering implementation of UN Resolution 598."

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said on Sunday Iran would not attack shipping during the UN mediated efforts to arrange a ceasefire in the nearly eight-year-old war.

Captain Leif said the gunboat which attacked his ship, one of six that had confronted the tanker 25 miles off Dubai, had attacked with deadly intent.

"They hit the bridge, where they knew people were standing," he said.

Surprised

No one was hurt and the ship continued on its way to Rotterdam with a load of Saudi oil. Iraq's daily war communiqué said 31 Iranian soldiers were killed or wounded in clashes along the northern war front over the past 24 hours and another Iranian was killed east of the southern city of Basra.

It made no mention of a Tehran report that Iranian fighter-bombers pounded Iraqi troops on the southern warfront three times today.

The communiqué said 10 Iranian boats tried to approach Iraq's deep-water terminal on the Gulf, 30 km (18 miles) south of the Faw peninsula, but were forced to flee.

Yesterday's raid surprised shippers. "Many nations are

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Floods kill 158 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Floods caused by heavy monsoon rains have killed 158 people in Pakistan in three weeks, a government minister said yesterday.

Nearly 9,000 houses and more than 60,000 acres (24,000 hectares) of crops have been destroyed, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Wasim Sajjad told the Senate (upper house of Parliament).

About 100,000 people have

been evacuated because of the floods and hundreds of cattle have been lost, he said.

Overflowing rivers have flooded vast areas in the provinces of Punjab and Sind, while landslides and lightning have killed about 100 people in the mountains of the North West Frontier Province.

The floods are the worst since 1973 when more than 470 people died, officials say.

Alliance against Rajiv near collapse

NEW DELHI, Aug. 5. (Reuters): An opposition alliance set up less than two weeks ago to challenge Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is in danger of collapsing over the choice of a leader, politicians said yesterday.

Members of the embryonic united front have attacked as premature an announcement that Vishwanath Pratap Singh would be its head.

Unofficially "We have a problem and it is a threat to our party. We hope our success in forming a new party is not reversed," said Harikesh Bahadur, general secretary of the

Janata Party, one of the four members of the Samajwadi Janata Dal (SJD) alliance.

The alliance was unofficially set up on July 2. Officials said it would be formally established by Indian Independence Day on Aug. 15 after legal and technical problems were resolved.

Singh, who quit Rajiv's cabinet last year to launch a campaign against alleged government corruption, was named SJD president on Wednesday.

The announcement came from Devi Lal, a senior member of the Lok Dal party which has united with Janata, Congress (S) and

Singh's Jan Morcha to challenge Rajiv in general elections due by the end of 1989.

Lal said Singh's nomination as president had been unanimous. But Janata leader Yashwant Sinha said the announcement had caused disappointment and anguish among his party members.

Criticism

"The unilateral and unwarranted statement issued by Devi Lal ... has caused irreparable damage to the cause of opposition unity," said Sinha.

Congress (S) leader Kishore Singh Deo said his party had not

been consulted in the decision. And Lal's own party chief, H.N. Bahuguna, said he had learnt of the decision from newspaper reports.

But Lal countered the criticism by saying: "Those leaders who were to be consulted, they were consulted. The reactions are natural and we knew they would come."

A spokesman for the ruling Congress (I) party said the opposition's present efforts to unite were similar to those which preceded the formation of a Janata-led coalition in the mid-1970s.

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Minimum temperatures recorded:

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Ahmedi: 30°C (86°F)

Falaka: 32°C (90°F)

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 44°C (111°F)

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An Iraqi prisoner of war wipes his eyes while being hugged by a relative (left) as about 100 Iraqi prisoners of war held emotional reunions with parents, wives and children in Iran. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iraq denies chemical attack

BAGHDAD, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Iraq denied today an Iranian charge that it dropped chemical bombs on northwestern Iran for two successive days.

"We have never used chemical weapons to attack any Iranian town, including the Kurdish town of Oshnaviyeh," a military spokesman said. He said recent Iraqi air raids were against oil sites supplying Tehran's war effort.

Iraq said Iraqi jets dropped chemical bombs on villages west of Oshnaviyeh on Wednesday, injuring 1,000 people. It said earlier that 1,700 people were injured by a chemical raid on Oshnaviyeh on Tuesday.

Iraq also denied the first report, saying the Iranian claim was a ploy "to continue (Iran's) policy of aggression."

Iraq has called on the United Nations to send investigators to the area. A UN report issued on Monday said an earlier team saw chemical warfare victims in both Iran and Iraq but had evidence that Iraq repeatedly used chemical weapons.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz admitted in Bonn on July 1 that his country had used the weapons, banned by a 1925 Geneva protocol which Baghdad has not signed.

Iran-Contra case

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5. (Reuters): The judge in the Iran-Contra case today ordered the trial of former White House aide Oliver North delayed until after the November presidential election because of a dispute over secret documents demanded by North.

Iraq and Iran want peace, says Walters

By Jadranka Porter

THE US Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, has expressed confidence that the current UN sponsored ceasefire talks would lead to a lasting peace in the Iraq-Iran war.

He also indicated that the continued clashes between the belligerents were likely to peter out and would not stand in the way of achieving peace.

"I am convinced that we will arrive here at the United Nations at a just, comprehensive and honourable solution to the conflict between the two countries," Walters told the Arab Times and several other reporters from Kuwait, Manama and Cairo in an interview last Thursday.

He said the ongoing hostilities are "incidents and not part of Baghdad's or Tehran's national policy to continue fighting."

"They are trying to squeeze the last drop of juice from what they consider favourable for them," he said.

The interview was conducted through Worldnet, a satellite television network which links the United States with its embassies abroad.

"What we are witnessing is some bitterness and some of the hostility of eight years of war manifesting itself. But in my view the two countries have made the choice for peace," he said.

He denied that the ceasefire talks are stalled.

"After eight years of war, I don't consider two weeks an excessive amount of time to work out the problems," he said.

"We are moving in the right direction. You can't make peace in a day like this."

He said the Security Council is currently in the process of trying to reassure the two parties on the concerns they have and to find ways that are mutually acceptable.

He confirmed his support for direct peace talks saying that peace is not possible without face to face discussions. "I've never heard of a peace being achieved entirely through a third party."

Sequence

But he left no doubt as to the sequence of events in the peace effort.

"The Resolution 598 calls for a ceasefire as a first step to be undertaken and we believe that the resolution should be executed as it is written," he said adding that the resolution is the only solution the Security Council has to offer.

Iraq has demanded direct peace talks before a ceasefire but Iran says that a ceasefire should precede face to face talks.

Walters said that any party that violates a mandatory resolution will have an enforcement action taken against it but he promptly added: "We don't believe that will happen."

He denounced the use of chemical warfare in the Iraq-Iran conflict and said the Security Council "will have to look into this matter and see what kind of action we will take. This has got to be stopped."

UN experts recently concluded in a study that both Iraq and Iran had used chemical weapons in the war.

Reflecting on the post-war period Walters said he could see a bright future for the whole region provided Iraq and Iran "get out

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INTERNATIONAL

Tighten sanctions against S. Africa: Commonwealth

TORONTO, Aug 5, (AP): The world must tighten economic sanctions against South Africa and impose heavier penalties on violators in the fight to abolish its apartheid system of racial segregation, Commonwealth foreign ministers declared.

Sanctions have had limited bite because Pretoria has found new export markets in Japan, West Germany and other countries, the special panel of eight foreign ministers was told during a two-day meeting that ended on Wednesday.

Achievements

The ministers urged Commonwealth and other governments to implement existing sanctions fully, tighten scrutiny over their application and provide heavier penalties for circumvention.

They also urged financial institutions to halt short-term credit financing for South African trade and tighten loan and insurance procedures, called for

stricter enforcement of the UN arms embargo against Pretoria, and agreed to work on a Commonwealth programme to counter South African propaganda.

"I can't think of another Commonwealth meeting in which we've achieved so much in such a short time," said Shridath Ramphal, secretary-general of the 49-nation organisation, which groups Britain and its former colonies.

On the committee are ministers from Canada, Australia, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Britain was absent because it opposes sanctions against South Africa.

The first comprehensive survey of the effect of sanctions on the South African economy, prepared by Commonwealth experts, showed that Japan, West Germany, Taiwan, Italy, Spain and Turkey dramatically increased imports from South Africa in recent years.

It said the result was that sales

by South Africa and its customs union partners of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland were down just four per cent last year in comparison with the 1983-85 average, although gold sales fell 14 per cent.

Japan expanded its imports from South Africa last year by \$748 million, compared with 1983-85, replacing the United States as South Africa's biggest customer, the study said.

Market

In 1986, Britain provided the largest market for South African fruit, and Japan for coal and corn, while Turkey is a major purchaser of South African iron and steel. Spain has suddenly become the world's third largest customer for South African coal, buying 4,446 tons last year.

At the other end of the spectrum, nine leading countries that chose to impose trade sanctions cut their imports by \$1.2 billion between 1985 and 1987, to a low of \$2.18 billion.

The reduction represents

about seven per cent of South Africa's exports. The countries are the United States, France, Denmark, Canada, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Finland and New Zealand.

US purchases from South Africa fell \$860 million to \$1.32 billion. American exports to South Africa rose 10 per cent last year to \$1.25 billion, but were still down 33 per cent on the 1983-85 average, the study said.

Japanese exports rose 39 per cent to \$1.88 billion, while West German sales to South Africa went up 31 per cent last year to a table-topping \$2.5 billion. British exports increased 25 per cent to \$1.55 billion.

Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, committee chairman, said sanctions were intended to put psychological and economic pressure on the white-minority in South Africa, and the message has been received.

But he added: "They're not biting enough. There has to be a continuation of the pressure."



Mathias Rust (right) tells a newsmen at Frankfurt airport he wishes to make no comments. (Reuters wirephoto)

Red Square pilot hopes his licence won't be revoked

Rust faces new troubles

BONN, Aug 5, (AP): West German Mathias Rust, just freed from a Soviet prison for his stunning flight to Moscow, hopes his pilot's licence will not be revoked because of the daredevil act, a newspaper reported today.

Rust remained in seclusion two days after the Kremlin ordered his early release from a four-year prison sentence for his dramatic Red Square landing in May 1987.

Foolish

Now that he's home he could face new troubles including criminal charges, the possible loss of his pilot's licence, and indications most of his countrymen do not approve of his daring flight.

Bild newspaper interviewed Helmut Heidemann, co-pilot of the charter jet that flew Rust from Frankfurt airport to Hanover last Wednesday night.

According to Bild,

Heidemann said he spoke with Rust in the jet's cockpit and the young German told him: "I want to fly again. I have already paid enough for my foolish act."

The mass-circulation Bild said Rust had been taken to an unidentified location between Hamburg and Hanover, where he had a private reunion with his family.

The 20-year-old Rust has said he is glad to be home.

But he is facing two separate West German investigations into his flight in which he evaded Soviet air defence radar in a single-engine airplane and landed in front of the Kremlin on May 28, 1987.

Revocation

In Hamburg, state licensing officials said they were looking into a possible revocation of Rust's pilot's licence.

"We are now investigating

whether he is trustworthy enough to be flying. That's the question," said Hamburg government spokesman Wolfgang Heidemann.

In the northern town of Itzehoe, prosecutor Rolf Schamerowski said he was continuing to investigate possible criminal charges against Rust for fraud and endangering air traffic. The possible fraud charge stems from misstating his destination to the owners of the small Cessna aircraft before taking off for Moscow.

The prosecutor's jurisdiction includes the Rust's hometown of Wedel, 10 kilometres (six miles) west of Hamburg.

The plane is owned by the Hamburg Aero-Club, of which Rust is still a member.

In addition, Aero-Club wants Rust to pay an unspecified amount of maintenance costs for the airplane.

Geneva talks extended

Chances good for Angola peace

GENEVA, Aug 5, (Reuters): US mediator Chester Crocker said today there was a good chance Angola, Cuba and South Africa would reach at least partial agreement at current southern Africa peace talks.

Asked if some agreement would be reached in Geneva, where the talks were extended into an unscheduled fourth day, Crocker said: "Oh, I think so. There's a good chance for that."

Crocker, the US assistant secretary of state for African affairs, is chairing talks aimed at securing the withdrawal of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola and independence for South African-ruled Namibia.

Asked if the Geneva agreement could involve a ceasefire in Angola, where South African forces confront Angolan and Cuban troops, Crocker told

reporters: "It will be spelled out in the press communiqué."

"We have got to go and negotiate on the press communiqué now."

"It's another step," Crocker said, when asked if the agreement was total or partial.

Discussions

"We've had a lot of discussions. More will take place now. We've got a lot to do still," Crocker said before entering Geneva's international conference centre.

Angolan, Cuban and South African teams held an 11-hour negotiating session yesterday and voiced optimism they were closer to agreement. However, they said more meetings would be needed before a final settlement could be reached.

The mood has changed dramatically since Wednesday, when Angola and Cuba rejected

South African peace proposals and accused Foreign Minister P. W. Botha of breaking a confidentiality accord by announcing them publicly.

Delegates have said it is important for the Geneva talks to show some progress on the previous round in New York, when the warring parties agreed on 14 principles which must underlie a comprehensive settlement to the long-running conflicts.

South Africa has proposed a ceasefire in Angola from next Wednesday as a prelude to implementing a United Nations independent plan for Namibia, which it rules in defiance of world opinion.

In return, Pretoria wants the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola by June next year and the removal of anti-South African guerrilla camps in Angola.

AIDS cases on the rise throughout the world

GENEVA, Aug 5, (Reuters): The World Health Organisation (WHO) said 7,766 new cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) had been reported in July, bringing the world total to 108,176.

About half of the new cases were reported in the United States and the rest were in Uganda and several African countries, the Geneva-based agency said in a monthly statement.

The United States has 69,085 cases of AIDS, including 3,986 new cases last month. Some 9,437 cases have been reported there this year up to July 25.

Uganda reported 1,737 new cases between last October and June 15, bringing its total to 4,006—second only to the US. France has the third highest number of cases, with 3,628, followed by Brazil with 2,956, West Germany with 2,210 and Kenya with 2,097.

The WHO has estimated the total number of AIDS cases at more than 150,000, with about five to 10 million people carrying the virus that causes the disease that destroys the body's immune system.

The WHO believes the real global total is far higher, perhaps even double the reported figures.

The breakdown of reported cases in Arab countries is as follows: Algeria 13, Egypt 5, Jordan 3, Kuwait 1, Lebanon 5, Morocco 12, Oman 6, Qatar 32, Sudan 82, Syria 3 and Tunisia 19. Total 181.

American scientists looking at how the deadly Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome spreads in the human body have discovered 17 different strains of the virus.

Writing in the British magazine Nature, the nine scientists said their research suggested a link between the spread of infection and variations within the human immunodeficiency virus HIV-1.

US Navy bans topless dancers

WASHINGTON, Aug 5, (AP): The Navy said yesterday it is banning topless dancers and other sexually oriented entertainment at base clubs for officers and sailors, in response to charges that it encourages abusive behaviour toward women.

The prohibition, contained in revised regulations for Navy mess (canteen and bar) operations, was signed on June 30 by Vice-Adm. Leon Edney, the chief of naval personnel, and distributed to Navy bases around the world.

The Navy said the move was approved by Adm. Carlisle A.H. Trost, chief of naval operations, and is effective immediately.

The new guidelines specify that all entertainment at base clubs must meet "appropriate standards of discretion, modesty and good taste."

Base commanders should use common sense to make sure their clubs feature only "wholesome and high-quality entertainment" suitable for a "typical mixed community audience."

IRA guns down two workers in Belfast

BELFAST, Aug 5, (AP): The IRA said its guerrillas gunned down two Protestant civilians doing maintenance work at a heavily fortified British barracks and declared it will kill others doing similar work.

Police said four gunmen ambushed Willie Hassard, 60, and Fred Love, 64, as they drove home in their van Thursday from the county Fermanagh village of Belleek in the west of the province.

"It was a picture of butchery," said Eugene Deeny, a doctor who was one of the first people on the scene. "They had multiple bullet wounds to their heads and chests."

The gunmen fired up to 150 bullets point-blank before escaping in a car, said a spokesman at Belfast police headquarters who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The West Fermanagh unit of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, fighting to expel the British from Northern Ireland and unite the British province with the mainly Catholic Irish

Republic, said in a statement to news organisations that it was responsible.

The group said the two men ignored IRA warnings not to work for the police and British Army in Northern Ireland. It threatened that other civilian workers engaged in such work will also be attacked.

The IRA's sporadic campaign against civilian builders carrying out construction work for the security forces began in August 1985 when a supplier of portable structures to replace bombed buildings was fatally shot at his Dublin home.

Since then, several contractors have been killed. The last such attack before yesterday's ambush occurred 18 months ago when gunmen killed an electrician in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second largest city.

The IRA killed four members of Britain's security forces this week—three in attacks in Northern Ireland and one in the bombing of an Army barracks in north London. Forty-two people were injured in those attacks.

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of this nationalistic confrontation. "Both countries are half-nations and they will have to spend a lot of money on repairing the damage done by the war."

"I think it will be a long time before they think of war as a solution to their problems," he added.

Speaking of the US role in the Gulf in the post-war period he said that Washington did not seek any special advantage or interest in the area.

"We believe that the countries in the region should carry out what they think is in their own national interests without interference from other powers including ourselves," said Walters. But he stressed that the US naval presence in the Gulf would continue.

Peace

He called for "some sort of Palestinian representation" in Arab-Israeli peace negotiations and said that Jordan has not withdrawn from the Arab-Israeli problem.

Jordan recently cut its legal and administrative ties with the West Bank.

Walters said Jordan's move would not doom US Secretary of State George Shultz's Mideast peace plan.

"Inevitably Jordan will be a participant in whatever peace talks take place."

"The US position," he said, "is that the problem should be solved through direct talks between Israel and its Arab neighbours, namely Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and some sort of Palestinian representation."

Iran attacks tanker in Gulf

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affected by the shipping war and this could be a ploy to influence world opinion," one said.

Some Gulf shippers said a trigger-happy Revolutionary Guard could have fired the gunburst at the Berge Lord and this might not signal a new Iranian policy of attack.

Arab Times reporter Jadranka Porter adds: The US Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, said, the Iranian raid on the tanker would not spur a fresh round of attacks in the tanker war.

Excessive

"I think this is probably a case of excessive zeal by a local commander," said Walters. Walters made his comments in a US government-sponsored telecast to the Middle East.

He said that both Iraq and Iran had made it plain that they want peace and added: "There is a lot of pent-up hostility which cannot always be perfectly controlled."

But he condemned the attack saying: "It is wrong. Attacks on neutral shipping are not justifiable under any circumstances."

Jordan laying off Palestinian officials

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1967 to set policies on West Bank affairs.

Diplomats said the decision was another demonstration to the PLO that King Hussein seriously intended to shed responsibility for the West Bank.

"Until the last minute, the PLO didn't believe the king meant what he said," one Western diplomat said.

Rifa'i's meeting with Abdul Razzak Al Yahya, who is also a member of the PLO's executive committee, was the first contact between the two sides since Hussein's historic speech on Sunday.

The PLO has said it was not consulted before Hussein announced that he was handing over legal and administrative responsibility for the West Bank to the PLO.

Decision

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejected right-wing calls to annex the West Bank to fill the vacuum left by Jordan, saying the world would strongly condemn such a step.

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Dukakis and Bush spar over defence policy

LOS ANGELES, Aug 5, (Reuters): Michael Dukakis exchanged sharp words on defence policy with his Republican rival George Bush in a long-distance clash as the Democratic presidential nominee headed west to campaign for votes and funds in southern California.

Vice-President Bush launched the initial salvo yesterday in a speech in his adopted home state of Texas when he said the Massachusetts governor was soft on defence and his foreign and defence policies were a major departure from the accepted norms.

"His positions, if taken together, add up to a major departure from the post-war bipartisan consensus on foreign policy... (and) amount to a rejection of America's role as a world leader and a repudiation of the Truman doctrine and the vision of John Kennedy," Bush told a Hispanic military academy.

Strong

But Dukakis, travelling through the Deep South on his way to Los Angeles, told reporters, "I think the vice-president knows better than that."

"I want a strong America—all



Dukakis

Americans want a strong America—but we've got to have strong conventional forces as well as a strong nuclear deterrent," he said. "We aren't getting that and we're not going to get it under Vice-President Bush."

"The American people know that we cannot be strong when our conventional forces aren't getting the kind of support they need and if we continue to spend billions and billions on fantasies like Star Wars and MX missiles on railroad cars," he said.

Dukakis defended having supported a nuclear freeze after the

Reagan administration broke off arms talks with Moscow, but said he applauded the recent arms talks initiatives and would now support the development of some weapons systems.

Policy

Dukakis's foreign policy aide Jim Steinberg said Dukakis supports development of Trident missile systems although he recommends cutting back on President Reagan's space-based "Star Wars" defence system to pre-1983 funding levels, opposes mobile MX missiles and considers the Midgetman missile too costly.

An opinion poll released yesterday showed Dukakis leading Bush in every region of the United States, including the normally Republican South and West.

The Times Mirror/Gallup Poll showed Dukakis leading Bush by an overall 51 to 40 per cent nationwide and by at least 10 percentage points in every region except the southeast.

Earlier yesterday Dukakis campaigned in Mississippi, trying to regain the once-solid Democratic south which has voted in recent elections for Republicans.

Shevardnadze in Kabul on surprise visit

Soviets leaving Kandahar

MOSCOW, Aug 5, (Reuters): Soviet forces were withdrawing from the Afghan city of Kandahar today, leaving all of southern Afghanistan empty of Moscow's troops, Soviet media reported.

In Kabul, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze began talks with Afghan leaders on the implementation of the Geneva accords under which Soviet troops are being pulled out, Radio Moscow said.

Shevardnadze flew to Kabul on Thursday on a working visit that was not announced in advance.

A day earlier, he had met Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan in Moscow and charged that Pakistan was continuing to aid Afghan rebels in violation of the Geneva accords.

Radio Moscow said Soviet troops were leaving Kandahar and Kunduz, in the north, today. "It will take them six days to reach the border cities of Kushka and Termez," the radio said.

The Soviet armed forces newspaper, Krasnaya Zvezda, said helicopter crews had left Kandahar province already in a flying

echelon yesterday. It said motorised infantry and paratroopers also left this week.

Now that the last Soviet forces were leaving the city, "there are no Soviet troops in Kandahar or in entire southern Afghanistan," Krasnaya Zvezda said.

The newspaper noted that throughout the Soviet-backed Afghan government's war with Muslim rebels, the rebels had tried to capture Kandahar.

The governor-general of the province, N. Olyumi, told Krasnaya Zvezda he was aware of the "military-political" difficulties that could emerge in southern Afghanistan after the Soviet withdrawal, but he was not "overly pessimistic."

"I can reiterate with full sense of responsibility and with confidence that after Soviet troops leave Kandahar, the whole of the province will be able to defend itself from any provocations," Olyumi was quoted as saying.

The Communist Party daily Pravda published an interview with Soviet Colonel D. Turlais in which he repeated Soviet assurances that the withdrawal

was going on schedule and that half the Soviet forces would be out of the country by Aug 15.

"None of our soldiers are left in Ghazni, Jalalabad, Gardez, Qalat, Baraki and Faizabad," Turlais said, according to Pravda.

Withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan is proceeding "strictly according to schedule" and half of the 115,000 soldiers there will have left by Aug 15, Pravda said today.

The official Communist Party newspaper said, "the first stage of the withdrawal ends on Aug 15, by which time half of the limited contingent of Soviet troops will have left Afghanistan."

Pravda said, "the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, in compliance with the Geneva accords, is proceeding strictly according to schedule."

The newspaper quoted Afghan-based Lieut. Gen. Boris Gromov as saying, "the agreements will be fulfilled precisely and in the present time frame. No one should have any doubts on this score."

Meanwhile, guerrillas set off a

bomb in a fruit market of the Afghan capital Kabul yesterday morning, killing four people and injuring 18, the official Kabul Radio reported.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad, blamed the attack on the Pakistan-based Hezb-e-Islami guerrilla party of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

The party is one of seven groups forming the main Western-backed rebel alliance fighting President Najibullah's government.

The blast at Shurara market killed the man who carried the explosive and three other people, the radio said. Women and children were among the injured.

Earlier, the Soviet news agency Tass said the blast killed three people and wounded nine. There have been frequent bomb and rocket attacks on Kabul since Moscow began withdrawing its more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan on May 15 under UN-mediated accords.

Soviet foreign minister said on Wednesday that Afghan rebels had fired more than 200 missiles at Kabul in the past two months.

US seeks peaceful polls in Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Aug 5, (Reuters): US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy arrived in Damascus from Beirut yesterday and immediately went into talks with Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara, diplomats said.

They said the presidential election due soon in Lebanon was the main topic of Murphy's talks in Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon.

In Cairo, Foreign Ministry sources said Egypt was trying to arrange a meeting between Murphy and Palestinian officials when the US official visits the Egyptian capital next week.

In Beirut, Murphy met President Amin Gemayel, whose term ends on Sept 23, and other Lebanese leaders.

The US official said he was optimistic that the poll for Gemayel's successor would pass off smoothly.

"I hope that ... we may see these elections taking place in the coming days in this building," he told reporters as he left parliament after meeting Hussein.

"My visit is not to demonstrate that we are the major force in the elections. It is to underline our interest that the elections take place for the new President of Lebanon ... in a peaceful and orderly atmosphere."

Prospects

"I think there are good prospects. I'm very encouraged by what I heard today."

The United States, which recently resumed political activity in Lebanon, has been negotiating with Syria over the past few months to pave the way for reconciliation among warring factions and an end to the 13-year civil war.

Both countries have been trying to ensure a smooth transition when President Amin Gemayel ends his six-year term on Sept 23. No date has been set yet for parliament to vote on his successor.

Political sources say Washington has now recognised Damascus as the main power broker in Lebanon.

Intervention

Lebanese Army chief Michel Aoun, in a warning to warring militias, has threatened to send in troops to safeguard the forthcoming presidential election.

General Aoun, himself regarded as a contender in the poll, told the weekly French-language *Nouvelles* magazine: "An intervention force is ready and it will move into action at the slightest alert..."

"We will make sure that this election takes place democratically," said Aoun.



About 500 demonstrators protesting against US military bases in the Philippines block the traffic in front of the US embassy in Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)

Students demand removal of American bases

Police break up anti-US rally

MANILA, Aug 5, (AP): Police swung clubs and fired in the air today to break up a group of students approaching the US embassy to demand the removal of American military bases, witnesses said.

No serious injuries were reported during the protest by 70 students, who were confronted by about 30 riot police 20 metres from the US embassy. Witnesses said they heard three or four explosions from what apparently were homemade bombs.

Police said they arrested 10 protesters, including Nathaniel Santiago, president of the League of Filipino Students, which organised the demonstration.

President Corason Aquino said today her administration proposed that the United States consider writing off all or part of

the Philippines' estimated \$1-billion debt to the US government as part of compensation for the bases.

"This has been proposed by the Philippine panel, (but) let's just leave it at that," press secretary Teodoro Benigno quoted Aquino as saying.

US and Filipino negotiators have been negotiating in Manila for the past four months on the status of Clark Air Base, Subic Naval Base and four smaller installations. The talks resumed Tuesday after breaking down last week on the question of compensation.

Communist rebels killed six people in an ambush on Negros island and overran a government-run geothermal power plant in southeastern Luzon, the military reported today.

Guerrillas killed a policeman

in a Manila suburb late yesterday in the latest insurgency-related killing in the capital.

Military reports from Negros said the six were killed yesterday when communist New People's Army rebels ambushed a patrol of the 11th infantry battalion about 500 kilometres southeast of Manila.

The dead included three soldiers, two civilian anti-communist vigilantes and a woman civilian, the report said. Helicopter gunships and armoured personnel carriers were dispatched to track down the rebels.

In Legazpi, the Philippine Constabulary said rebels overran a geothermal plant of the Philippine National Oil Co. yesterday and threatened to destroy the site unless the state-run company paid them 600,000 pesos (\$30,000).

Iran hangs dissident in public

NICOSIA, Aug 5, (Reuters): Iran said a leading member of the outlawed Mujahedeen-e-Khalq organisation was hanged for his role in an offensive into western Iran last week, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported yesterday.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the dissident was hanged in public in Ilam in western Iran on Wednesday.

It did not name him but said he was "one of the main elements involved in (mujahedeen) plans and massacre of the innocent people of the western town of Islamabad-e-Gharb."

Units of Mujahedeen's National Liberation Army (NLA) based in Iraq attacked Iran's western borders on July 26 and captured several towns, including Islamabad-e-Gharb 100 km from the border.

Iranian military leaders said they let the NLA drive deep into Iranian territory to trap them 35 km from the provincial capital Bakharan. Iran said it killed 4,800 NLA troops and destroyed their equipment.

The NLA, also claiming victory, said it lost about 1,000 fighters and withdrew after 72 hours to prepare for further attacks.

Police patrol Rangoon to prevent protests

RANGOON, Aug 5, (Reuters): Troops in armoured cars, trucks and on foot patrolled the Burmese capital Rangoon today to prevent further anti-government protests in defiance of martial law.

Witnesses said the forces were strengthened after thousands of people chanting anti-government slogans and protesting against the appointment of new leader Sein Lwin marched through the city centre yesterday.

The official news agency NAB said 25 people were detained in clashes throughout the capital and said there were further disturbances in the town of Pegu.

In Rangoon troops fired warning shots to disperse demonstrators gathered near the Sule Pagoda, in the heart of the crumbling old British colonial-style capital, and smaller protests took place in at least five districts.

NAB said 25 people were detained, including 19 students, after groups commandeered vehicles and stoned buses and schools trying to "agitate students who were attending classes."

It said about 800 people, including some 300 students, marched through Pegu, 80 km

north-east of Rangoon, rallying before anti-government speakers and hurling stones at shops.

Reaction There were no reports of injuries. Traders said prices were rising fast in reaction to the renewed crisis.

Shops in Rangoon appeared to be opening normally today.

Martial law was ordered on Wednesday after a week of street protests against the appointment of Sein Lwin, widely hated because of his role in suppression of dissent, as new leader of the all-powerful Burma Socialist Programme Party.

Sule Pagoda, said to date back more than 2,000 years, formed the centre of the city when British colonialists in the 19th century laid down a grid-street system for the capital.

Other Rangoon residents contacted by telephone said one group of protesters dispersed after several trucks loaded with troops arrived at a building housing government ministry offices near the Sule Pagoda.

Crowds gathered around the red brick colonial building and shouted demands for the restoration of democracy, the ouster of newly selected President, Sein Lwin and the release of prisoners he has already arrested.

Tehran cracks down on prostitutes

NICOSIA, Aug 5, (AP): An anti-vice crackdown in Tehran has netted more than 3,000 prostitutes, drug-addicts and pushers, some of whom will be executed, Iranian newspapers report.

The daily Kayhan quoted Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi as saying the whole area of the Jamsheed red-light district of the capital has been cut off from the rest of the city by a high wall, pending the levelling of all its buildings.

The paper said the crackdown followed a confidential report to the government by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency. The report warned that the rampant corruption in Jamsheed "poses a threat to the morality of the city as a whole."

"Notorious women entertain undisciplined customers while the extent of drug abuse and peddling is so pervasive that passerby can see hundreds of addicts roaming in the quarter," the newspaper quoted the IRNA report as saying.

Mohtashemi was quoted as saying that "all the wrongdoers in the neighbourhood were arrested in a sudden raid. They included 1,300 women, a larger number of men, and 700 children and adolescents."

Some of those rounded up "included some people with vices and criminal records who will certainly be executed," Mohtashemi added.

41 bodies found in Golden Temple

Sikhs kill Hindu leader

CHANDIGARH, Aug 5, (Reuters): Three suspected Sikh separatists killed a hardline Hindu leader yesterday as he lay in hospital recovering from a car crash, police said.

They said three gunmen drove up on motorcycles to a hospital in Ludhiana, a major city in Punjab, and shot Tej Pal Sethi as he lay in bed. A bodyguard was also killed.

Police said Sethi was head of a breakaway faction of Shiv Sena, a militant Hindu organisation. Pawan Kumar Jain, head of the north Indian section of Shiv Sena, was assassinated on July 29, six weeks after his predecessor was shot dead.

Police attributed those two killings to Sikh militants fighting a bloody campaign for an independent homeland they call

Khalistan. Police said Sethi's killers fled the hospital shooting wildly, jumped on their motorcycles and escaped. No one else at the hospital was hurt in the shooting.

They said they believed the killings of Hindu leaders and random killings of ordinary Hindus were part of a separatist plan to create an anti-Sikh backlash elsewhere in India.

Meanwhile, police said today the bodies of 41 people tortured to death by Sikh extremists have been found hidden in rubble in Amritsar's Golden Temple during a seven-week clean-up.

The bodies were uncovered during the removal of a 12-meter high mound of rubble which had stood in Sikhdum's holiest shrine since a 1984 Army assault to flush out extremists fighting for

an independent Sikh state in Punjab.

The last five decomposed bodies were found on Wednesday at the bottom of the mound as labourers finished the work.

"The victims were killed mainly on the suspicion of being police informers," senior Amritsar policeman Suresh Arora told reporters.

He said 14 of the skeletons were of women used as couriers by separatists who took over the temple complex again before government laid siege to them last May.

At least 30 militants were killed during the 10-day siege, which ended with the surrender of 150 hardliners. Arora said police learned about the bodies during interrogations of those who surrendered.

Carlucci arrives in Ankara

ANKARA, Aug 5, (Reuters): Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci arrived in Ankara yesterday for a four-day official visit to Turkey, a fellow member of the NATO alliance.

He met Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, Defence Minister Erhan Vuralhan and armed forces chief General Necip Torumtay yesterday and President Kenan Evren in Istanbul today.

"This is the only stop the secretary of defence is making on his way back from Moscow and

is an indication of the importance he attaches to it," a US diplomat in Ankara said.

He said the talks would not deal with any particular issue.

Relations

Turkish military sources said they expected Carlucci to brief them on his tour of Soviet military establishments.

They said the talks would probably centre on Turkish-US military relations following Ankara's ratification in February of

an extension of their 1980 defence and economic co-operation agreement till 1990.

That agreement signalled an improvement in relations and was matched by a US law allowing the refinancing of Turkey's military debts at lower interest rates.

The addendum covers modernisation of several US military installations including monitoring stations on Turkey's Black Sea coast and near its borders with Iran and Iraq.

Rajiv blames Tigers for breaking promises

India fed up with Tamil rebels

NEW DELHI, Aug 5, (Reuters): India is getting tired of negotiating with Sri Lankan Tamil rebels, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said on Thursday.

Rajiv, on a trip to Madras in south India, told reporters the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels had often gone back on their promises.

"We are a little tired of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, of bringing them to the negotiating table," Rajiv said.

He was non-committal when asked if the government would have further talks with the guerrillas, who are fighting for an independent homeland for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

Indian negotiators have failed to persuade them to accept a

ceasefire in their conflict with Indian troops in Sri Lanka.

India sent about 52,000 troops to the island to enforce an accord signed last year by Rajiv and Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene aimed at ending the separatist revolt.

Tamil militants blew up a truck, killing six Indian soldiers and injuring four others in eastern Sri Lanka, an Indian official said on Thursday.

The truck was blown up with explosives detonated by remote control devices in a village south-west of Batticaloa town, located 215 kilometres northeast of Colombo.

An Indian diplomat, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, said the soldiers were on

patrol duty when the incident occurred.

The official accused the Tigers of blowing up the truck.

Meanwhile, diplomats said a proposed South Asian summit meeting in Colombo is in doubt because of the security threat in Sri Lanka.

They said Sri Lanka, facing a Tamil separatist revolt in the north and east and Marxist guerrilla violence in the south, could not guarantee the safety of visiting heads of government if the summit went ahead.

The seven-member South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation planned to hold its fourth summit in Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, in November.

Death toll rises in China floods

BEIJING, Aug 5, (Reuters): Nearly 800 people are feared dead after flash floods struck Zhejiang province in south-east China last week and some villages are short of food, according to reports reaching Beijing.

The Shanghai Liberation daily said 379 people were confirmed dead and 402 were missing.

Animal and human corpses and concentrated fertilisers were polluting water supplies and some people have been poisoned, the Shanghai Evening News said. In one area of Ninghai county, about 9,000 people were short of food, a local official was quoted

as saying. Floodwaters were receding, the Liberation Daily said.

Earlier reports put the death toll at 256 people with more than 300 missing.

Torrential rains fell on the night of July 29, quickly flooding farmland baked hard by a prolonged drought which is afflicting large areas of southern China.

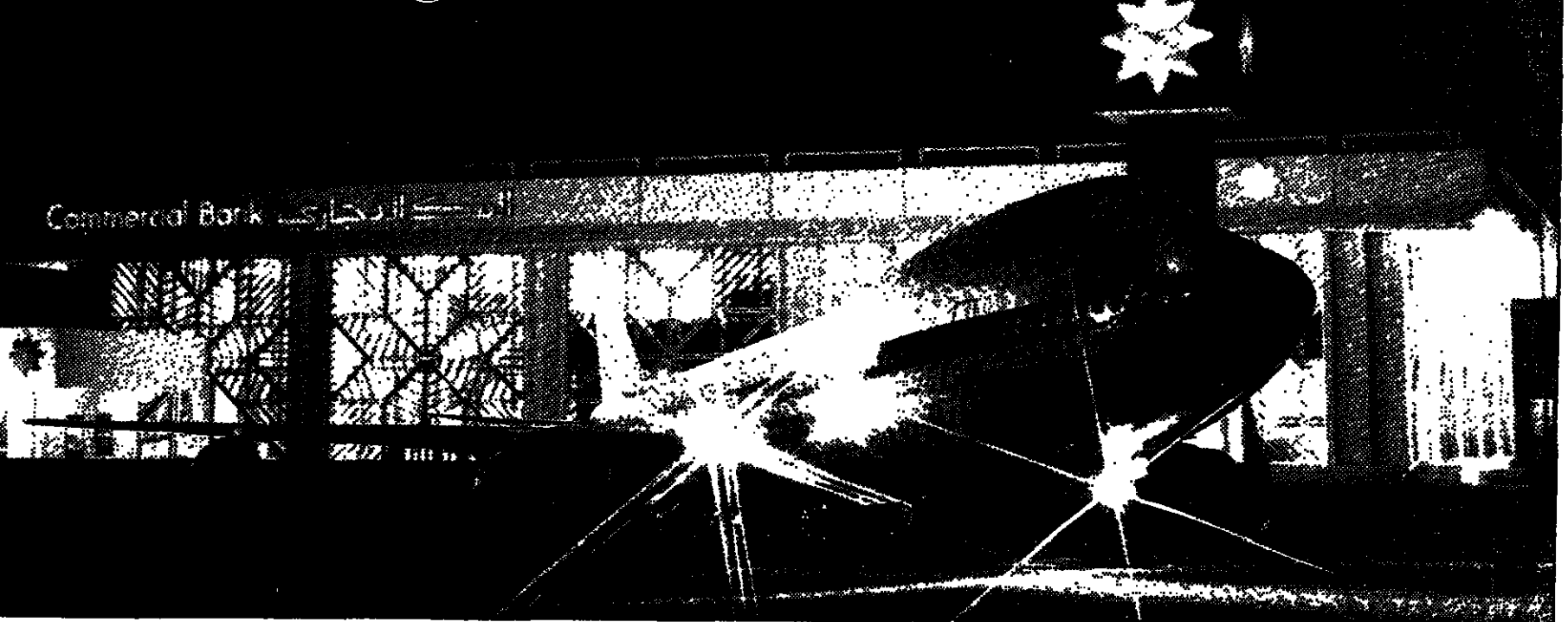
The Chinese are blaming the weather-related calamities on the current Year of the Dragon, traditionally associated with death and disaster. Mao Tse-tung died in the last year of the

Dragon in 1976.

A blistering heat wave hit the city of Wuhan, capital of central Hubei province, on Thursday, sending temperatures soaring to 104 degrees (40°C) for the second time in a month and ending a brief, weeklong respite from the torrid weather, the Xinhua news agency said.

City residents sought relief from the scorching temperatures, which were expected to last for several days, by sleeping out in the streets and on rooftops. Xinhua said, Wuhan was hit by a 25-day heat wave in July in which at least 22 people died.

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We want comprehensive peace: Sheikh Hamad

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war in terms of winners or vanquished and Iraq is not looking at the issue from this angle. Iraq is looking at the issue from the viewpoint of achieving a stable and durable peace."

This can be achieved only if the opponents sit face to face at the negotiation table at which intentions can be tested and interests of the people of the whole region can be given priority over all other considerations, he said.

Sense
He continued: "This war was not a normal one in the sense of the word, but, rather a fierce one. It destroyed cities without discrimination."

Reports indicate one million were killed in the war.
Sheikh Hamad said that the US since its establishment 200 years ago, lost only 600,000 people in all its wars including the Vietnam war. In Vietnam the US lost 50,000 people.

Thus, one can visualise the fierceness of the Iraq-Iran war. But, despite these huge losses, we

should talk only about peace.

"When Iran expressed its willingness towards peace," the Crown Prince said, "we felt that a big nightmare is almost gone."

"All the peoples of this region and their leaders felt relaxed and this impression only reflects the desire for peace and an end to the bloodshed that continued for eight long and painful years. Briefly, an atmosphere of optimism has spread all over the region, at all levels, including security, economic and other fields of activity."

Speaking on the GCC member states' views concerning the war, he said that they had different views on the issue. However, after Iran accepted the UN resolution, the differences of opinion disappeared.

Respect
This new position may push forward the co-operation among the GCC member states he said.

"In this respect, we have been repeating and stressing the fact that we must form a respectable economic force. The necessary factors for achieving such an

advanced level of co-operation are available," he said.

"The end of the war will produce new factors. The last two weeks witnessed a strange atmosphere of optimism in the whole region. On the basis of new developments, we are capable of creating a force not expressed by the GCC alone, but, by the whole region. This force can be co-operative and integrated with the variety and quantity of resources they have. With such co-operation, they can create something very respectable, particularly, when the policy in the whole world is towards ending the atmosphere of tension and spreading peace."

Indications
"From the indications, we can safely say that the superpowers have decided to reduce tensions around the world."
"The understanding achieved among the superpowers during the last few months, coupled with the fact that these countries themselves have been facing big problems, economic and others, leave me with the impression that



Ahmed Al Jarallah (right) interviewing the Crown Prince of Bahrain.

the superpowers want to put an end to tensions in many sites in the world," the Crown Prince said.

He cited as an example the negotiations going on at present between Angola and South Africa to solve the problem of Namibia. Moscow and Washington are represented in this conflict through Cuba and UNITA respectively.

"We also witnessed the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, giving a strong indication of the

end of the war there. Additionally, the latest developments in the Iraq-Iran war indicate it is strongly heading towards peace."

"The recent years and months witnessed improved relations between the US and the Soviet Union, that never existed before. Even countries known for their hardline ideologies, have started retreating. The whole world is tired of tensions and wars. Now peoples of the world want to rest and are preparing to benefit from peace opportunities and

detente," the Crown Prince added.

Sheikh Hamad said he believed that border disputes, whatever be their size, can be solved between the concerned parties themselves. This will ensure that the views of the concerned parties will be discussed and not those of others, he added.

Sheikh Hamad said that the Bahraini prime minister, is recovering quickly after successful surgery.

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Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Burkina Faso on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Kuwait-Sudan ties strong

KHARTOUM, Aug 5. (KUNA): Sudan-Kuwait ties have always been good through-out and officials of both countries spare no effort in making sure they stay that way.

A recent development was a just witness to that, as Sudan held two days of festivities to honour Kuwait.

It all started when Kuwait's Ambassador to Sudan Abdulla Al Seraye sent an invitation to Arab ambassadors here to sponsor a sports tournament for Sudanese clubs and to use its proceeds to back the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Achieved
The call was widely accepted and a successful event achieved its sought goals. The tournament was followed by a similar activity at the capital of the central province, Medani, to which ambassador Al Seraye was invited and honoured.

The party was highlighted by handing the Kuwaiti envoy the key to the city as a gift to HH the Amir. A city street was named after Kuwait and one of the big guest neighbourhoods was called "Al Jaberya."

Contributions
A piece of land was also apportioned for the establishment of the centre of Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, Kuwait's Crown Prince and Premier.

During the ceremony, Governor of the Central Province Farouq Ismail, in an address, talked of Kuwait's contributions to Sudan, stressing that honour-

ing Kuwait comes only to boost co-operation and in no way singles Kuwait out of other Arab states.

The Sudanese papers seconded the success of the honouring ceremony, describing it as a "wonderful and memorable" day. One of these dailies listed a number of projects carried out by Kuwait at the province.

This event, echoed positively in Kuwait, as director of the Arab world department at the Foreign Ministry Abdel Hamid Al Bejjani indicated that this tribute is a clear witness to the strong relations between the two countries.

Umra trips

The Ministry of Education is organising two Umra visits to holy places in Saudi Arabia for members of summer clubs, at the expense of HH the Amir.

The first visit, from Aug 10 to 16, is for boys and will be headed by the chairman of Khaitan summer club, Hassan Essa.

The second visit is for girls and will run from Aug 12 to 18 under the leadership of Fotouh Al Sabi, the chairwoman of the Sulabikhat summer club.

The members of the two groups were selected from students who were outstanding in the activities of the summer clubs and swimming pools.

They were met by Khaled Al Harban, the head of the school activities department at the Ministry of Education, who thanked HH the Amir of his thoughtful and generous gesture.

Saddam confers with N. Yemeni President

BAGHDAD, Aug 5. (AP): President Saddam Hussein conferred separately yesterday with President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen and Saudi Information Minister Gen. Ali Al Shaer.

Both meetings were believed to be connected with current efforts to arrange a ceasefire in the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Message

The state-run Baghdad Radio said Gen. Ali Shaer brought a message to Hussein from King Fahd, without revealing its contents, or the purpose of the Saudi minister's visit.

Al Shaer became the second high ranking Saudi official to visit Baghdad this week. He was preceded by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, who attended a meeting of the five-member Arab League special ministerial committee on the Gulf war.

The committee meeting ended with a reaffirmation of support for Iraq in its conflict with Iran.

Efforts by the United Nations Secretary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, to get both combatants to accept a Security Council ceasefire call are currently stymied. Iraq insists the cessation of hostilities should follow the opening of direct peace talks, while Iran maintains the opposite.

Denied

Iraq has denied press reports claiming that Saudi Arabia is pressing it to agree to a ceasefire before a direct meeting.

Al Shaer who arrived in Baghdad unexpectedly early yesterday was expected to return home later in the day.

President Saleh's arrival in Baghdad on Wednesday for a 24-hour visit had not been expected either.

President Saleh said in a departure statement that North Yemen supported the Iraqi demand for face-to-face talks with Iran.

Shaheen meets envoys of Big Five countries

UNDERSECRETARY of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen on Thursday conferred with ambassadors of the permanent members of the Security Council.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman told KUNA that Al Shaheen summoned ambassadors of the five permanent member states of the Security Council and briefed them on the outcome of the Arab seven-man committee meeting.

Concluded

The Arab seven-man committee, entrusted with following up developments in the Iraq-Iran war, concluded its deliberations in Baghdad last Tuesday.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed took part in the committee's meeting.

The source said that Al Shaheen informed the ambassadors on deliberations of the committee which focused on the importance of pushing forward the peace process in the Gulf war.

Delegations

According to Sheikh Sabah's directives, Al Shaheen prodded the five permanent members in the Security Council to shoulder their responsibilities towards implementation of the Security Council Resolution 598, to settle the Iraq-Iran conflict and restore peace and stability in the region.

Meanwhile, Arab delegations would be starting this week visits to the five permanent member countries of the UN Security Council to press home the need to enforce council Resolution 598 on the Iran-Iraq war, it was reported today.

Quoting Paris-based "high ranking" Arab sources, a Kuwaiti daily said the visit had been decided at a meeting earlier in the week of the Arab League's committee of seven seeking international support for a peaceful settlement of the Gulf war.

The sources indicated that a delegation comprising the foreign ministers of Jordan and Tunisia, and possibly a third ranking Arab official, would fly to Paris this week in the context of

committee efforts to effect a UN-mediated ceasefire.

They added that contacts are under way with the governments in London, Moscow, Washington and Beijing to fix dates for receiving committee envoys.

Mission

The paper reported that an Arab ministerial mission would also visit New York in the coming few days for talks with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who has been working hard to close a gap between Iran and Iraq regarding a ceasefire date.

Iraq insists on direct peace talks before a ceasefire, which Iran says should take place before anything else.

Amir's message for Tunisia

TUNIS, Aug 5. (KUNA): Tunisian President Zain Al Abidine Bin Ali yesterday received a message from His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad on bilateral education and cultural co-operation.

Kuwaiti ambassador to Tunisia Abdel Mohsen Al Ja'an, who handed over the message to President Bin Ali said that the message comes in reply to one sent to HH the Amir by the Tunisian president.

Tunisian Minister of High Education and Scientific Research Abdel Salam Al Medsi delivered the message to HH the Amir during a recent visit to Kuwait.

Who will pay the bill?

High cost of policing a Gulf truce

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 5. (Reuters): If the UN obtains a truce between Iran and Iraq — and that's a big if — how will the cash-starved organisation meet the high cost of policing it?

The question troubles Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who has said he may have to halt operations in October, unless the United Nations can emerge from a sea of red ink.

Officials say that a UN monitoring operation to police a Gulf ceasefire would require hundreds of officers and cost tens of millions of dollars in the first year alone. And Perez de Cuellar has already exhausted a contingency fund that might have supplied seed money to start such a mission.

Assessments
In a report at the end of June, he said member states owed the United Nations \$647 million on their regular budget assessments and \$335 million for assessed peacekeeping operations. The voluntarily-funded Cyprus peace force was a further \$150 million in the red.

Among the debtors, the United States is the chief culprit, owing more than \$467 million in accumulated arrears on its 25 per cent assessment for the regular budget and another \$70 million

for UN Middle East peacekeeping.

The Soviet Union is also a major UN debtor, with arrears totalling almost \$46 million for the current regular budget and a further \$169 million for UN peacekeeping in the Middle East.

Moscow has promised to pay up, demonstrating its new-found enthusiasm for the United Nations under Mikhail Gorbachev, but those contributions were still outstanding in the secretary-general's latest report.

Starved
While many Third World countries that owe money to the United Nations are starved for hard currency and say they cannot pay on time, the cash flow from Washington was reduced to a trickle essentially as a mark of American protest.

Tired of shrill United States-baiting that had become a feature of so many UN debates, the Reagan administration and the US Congress agreed that no more than 40 per cent of the American assessment would be paid until President Reagan certified progress in certain areas.

These were a leaner, more efficient UN staff, a bigger say for major contributors in budget-making, and a requirement that the Soviet Union accept long-term UN contracts for its

nationality. Moscow's practice of approving Soviet staff only for short terms of UN service was regarded as an opportunity to rotate spies, several of whom were caught by American security agents in and around New York.

Attrition

UN officials believe the organisation has gone far towards meeting these concerns, reducing staff by attrition, freezing recruitment and salaries and deferring cost of living payments. For its part, Moscow has signalled a willingness to release officials for longer-term UN service.

Lieutenant General Vernon Walters, the current chief UN delegate, takes a kinder view of the organisation and especially of the secretary-general than previous US delegates have.

Last week, Walters called Perez de Cuellar "one of the great statesmen of our time."

But just three days before Iran accepted the Security Council's ceasefire resolution 598, Reagan rebuffed a new appeal for help that Perez de Cuellar issued during a White House visit.

With the Secretary General now at the centre of an intense diplomatic effort to obtain a Gulf truce and with more UN peacekeeping forays in the offing

— involving Cyprus, Western Sahara and Namibia among others — the administration may have begun to change its tune.

Testifying before Congress last week, Walters said he hoped the United States would pay the United Nations about \$188 million by year's end.

Handed

And in Rome yesterday an official of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said Washington last week handed over \$25 million, part of the \$132 million which the organisation says the US owes.

UN officials said that if the Americans did hand over the \$188 million, the United Nations would be able to survive 1988 and enter 1989 with a bit in hand.

Electricity consumption

THE maximum electricity consumption last June was 3,900 megawatts declining to 2,430 megawatts just before the end of the month.

The recorded daily high for brackish water was 86,270,000 imperial gallons on June 20, 1988 and maximum daily fresh water consumption on June 8, 1988 amounted to 128,331,000 imperial gallons.

Fifth Marine Week opens

By Lima Khalafawi

THE opening ceremony of the Fifth Marine Week at Green Island on Thursday lasted a mere half an hour but attracted large crowds of people, who gathered at the Waterfront Project and blocked the streets with their cars.

A colourful parade of divers holding the flags of the GCC countries, followed by old sea captains (nookithas) and participants from different summer clubs and Boy Scouts started the week's activities. The parade was accompanied by many bands playing national and other songs.

Attracted
The spectators' attention was then attracted by a show of skits, sailing boats and boats emitting coloured smoke from their exhausts, water skiers and parachutists.

Another part of the show featured old Kuwaiti women, who gathered near the sea washing clothes, whilst young boys and girls dressed in dishdashas and abayas played traditional Kuwaiti games. The show singer (Al Naham) encouraged young divers who were acting out the hoisting of the sail.

A colourful procession, in which many local companies and ministries were represented, moved along the Waterfront Project, watched by drivers on

the Gulf road. Folkloric bands went on singing sea songs and mawawel well into the night, surrounded by appreciative crowds.

Awarded
The highlight of the event was a 32 kilometre swim. Jamal Al Yammani was awarded for his attempt by Sheikh Mubarak Jaber Al Sabah, the Minister of Information, who inaugurated the week.

At the end of the ceremony, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak praised efforts to revive Kuwait's sea heritage and encouraged young Kuwaitis to participate whole-

heartedly in the event, which has also attracted more GCC participants this year than before.

The opening was attended by many government officials and other dignitaries. The week's activities will continue until the return of the divers and shows on Aug 12 and include the Old Marine Heritage Exhibition at Al Shaab Club, the opening of the Diving School, a handicrafts exhibition and a traditional Kuwaiti wedding, which will take place at various venues, namely the Bida Club, Shaab Garden, Messilah beach and the swimming pools complex.



Participants from the GCC countries at the start of the festival.

Kuwait Fund helping China

THE Kuwaiti Ambassador to China Hassan Al Dabbagh has hailed the Kuwaiti-Chinese ties as "extremely friendly", and called for greater co-operation.

In an interview with a delegation of the Kuwaiti Journalists Association, the ambassador noted that the Kuwait Fund for Economic Development has played an outstanding role in strengthening links of co-operation between the countries by providing loans for a number of Chinese projects.

The interview was published in local dailies today.

Al Dabbagh pointed out that fund loans to China, totalling KD 77 million, contributed to 10 economic projects, including a cement plant, a factory for woo-

den boards, an airport, a fertiliser plant, an electrical power station and a factory for small cars.

The Kuwaiti diplomat indicated that China, being a permanent member of UN Security Council with a huge population forming one fifth of world population, represents a major world power with many special responsibilities.

He said relations between China and the Arab world are age-old, adding that China and the Middle East had maintained in the past trade and cultural relations supported by the famous Silk Road.

Open-door
The ambassador pointed out that China's new open-door policy is attracting foreign investments under laws that ensure security of foreign capital in China.

He urged Kuwaiti investors to visit China to get acquainted with the situation before starting any projects there.

Turning to the Palestinian issue, Al Dabbagh lauded China's official and public stance on the cause. He pointed out that "China fully supports the Arab view in this respect."

Al Dabbagh emphasised that

Beijing backs the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in the struggle for recovering Palestinian national rights topped by an independent state.

Commenting on domestic affairs, the envoy said China is passing through a transitional period in its international relations. "Chinese leaders are seeking a new order incorporating Socialist, Communist and capitalist theories. This is a very difficult historical process," he said.

"They tend to keep on the capitalist system in Hong Kong which will become a part of China by 1999. This is a unique experience. There will be two contradictory theories operating in one country."

However, through our relations with China, we may earn a lot of experience in solving the problem which faces the Arab nation and in promoting sound inter-Arab relations," Al Dabbagh said.

Concluding, Al Dabbagh said China has famous historical monuments like the Great Wall of China and beautiful landscapes. Over 500,000 tourists visited China in the last seven months, he noted.

Airbus compensation plan faces tough hurdles

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (Agencies): House of Representatives members are cool to an administration plan to pay compensation to the families of those killed when a US warship downed an Iranian jetliner, with some insisting on "absolute guarantees" that Iran's government won't get the money.

"While we want to be humanitarian, we don't want to be naive," Rep. Patricia Schroeder told State and Defence Department officials at a hearing yesterday.

Proposed
President Ronald Reagan has proposed paying compensation to the families of the 290 killed on June 3 when missiles from the US cruiser Vincennes destroyed an Iran Air A-300 Airbus flying over the Gulf.

"Unless there are absolute guarantees, there are going to be absolute problems," said Rep. Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Abraham Sofaer, the State Department's legal adviser, said the offer to pay compensation flows from a traditional American spirit of compassion and humanity.

All nations except the Soviet Union have paid compensation

after the destruction of a civilian aircraft because "civilised nations pay these kind of obligations," Sofaer said.

Sofaer said the United States "does not accept legal responsibility" for the downing of the plane.

There were nationals from India, Italy, Kuwait, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates and Yugoslavia on the Airbus.

Ensure

The United States will make every effort to ensure that Tehran's government does not benefit from the payments, he said, but added that co-operation from Iranian authorities probably will be essential if the victims' families are to be identified accurately and appropriate payment made.

If there were no co-operation and survivors proved impossible to identify with certainty, the matter likely would end there, Sofaer said.

Aspin told the administration witnesses they face "a tough sell" in obtaining compensation funds from Congress because "the visceral reaction against the Iranian governments runs very deep."

Rep. Ike Skelton noted: "I think you're going to have serious trouble selling what

you're trying to sell."

Skelton said the Iranian government bears a heavy burden of responsibility for dispatching the commercial airliner into a combat zone.

Persuaded
Aspin told reporters that Congress might be persuaded to appropriate funds for humanitarian compensation if it were established that mistakes by the Vincennes crew caused the plane's destruction.

Pentagon sources said on Wednesday that preliminary findings of an official investigation show that human error caused the Vincennes to fire on the jetliner.

Aspin said the chances for approval of compensation would be higher if there were an end to the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war and to attacks on international shipping in the Gulf.

The pilot of the Airbus had close ties to America and left behind a five-year-old US-born daughter, his sister-in-law told Congress in urging compensation for his death.

"I don't know how the family can explain to her that it was an American missile that killed her father, said Nahid Sadeghi, who has lived with her husband in

Norman, Oklahoma, since 1973.

Appealing for compensation Mrs Sadeghi said she rejects Iran's claims that the aircraft was destroyed deliberately.

Meanwhile, independent aviation experts studying the downing of an Iranian airliner have sought permission to conduct inquiries aboard the US warship responsible, Tehran radio reported yesterday.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the head of a five-man team from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) now in the southern Iranian port of Bandar Abbas as saying the Americans had not yet responded to the request.

Pressure
US defence officials said on Wednesday a Navy inquiry had found that the psychological pressure of being in combat for the first time led the crew of the cruiser Vincennes to mistake the Airbus for a menacing fighter.

Tehran radio said the ICAO team examined pieces of the airliner's wreckage and listened to the pilot's last conversations with Bandar Abbas airport.

Tehran radio said the investigators would go to the UAE to continue their probe at Dubai and Abu Dhabi airports.

Cultivation of wheat

IN AN interview with a local daily, Jassem Mohammed Habib, the Chairman of Kuwait Agronomists Society applauded HH the Amir's call for cultivating wheat on an enhanced level.

He said recent experiments had achieved significant progress in this respect.

He said that the Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries Authority under Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah had exerted every effort to achieve this objective.

Habib commented that the Agronomists Society is currently preparing an intensified programme and several seminars, were held to sustain the activities.

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SUNDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Heathcliff
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of communications.
7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi
7.30 Valerie: "The Six" Valerie notices her son while rather strange after a date
8.00 News in English
8.30 The Flying Doctors
9.30 My Two Dads: "Nicole's First Date" Once again, opinions differ at home and the case of Nicole's first date is referred to the magistrate
10.00 Hillary's Adventures: "Deer Recovery"
10.30 Best Seller: "The Perfect Spy", based on John Le Carré's novel.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

MONDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Galtar
6.30 The Craft of the Potter: In the final programme in the series, a potter, a gallery-owner and a collector talk about their favourite pots.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
7.30 The Duck Factory: "Way We Weren't" The studio's manager bumps into her ex-fiance and pretends she is having an affair with a younger man.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Miami Vice: "Walk Alive" Another tale of drug-trafficking at the holiday "paradise".
9.30 Private Benjamin: "Bye Bye Benjamin" Judy's father — with the full support of the comp leader — tries to convince his daughter to resume civilian life.
10.00 Hitchcock: "Stolen Heart" Who gets a transplant, the rich guy or the poor girl?
10.30 The Equalizer
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

TUESDAY

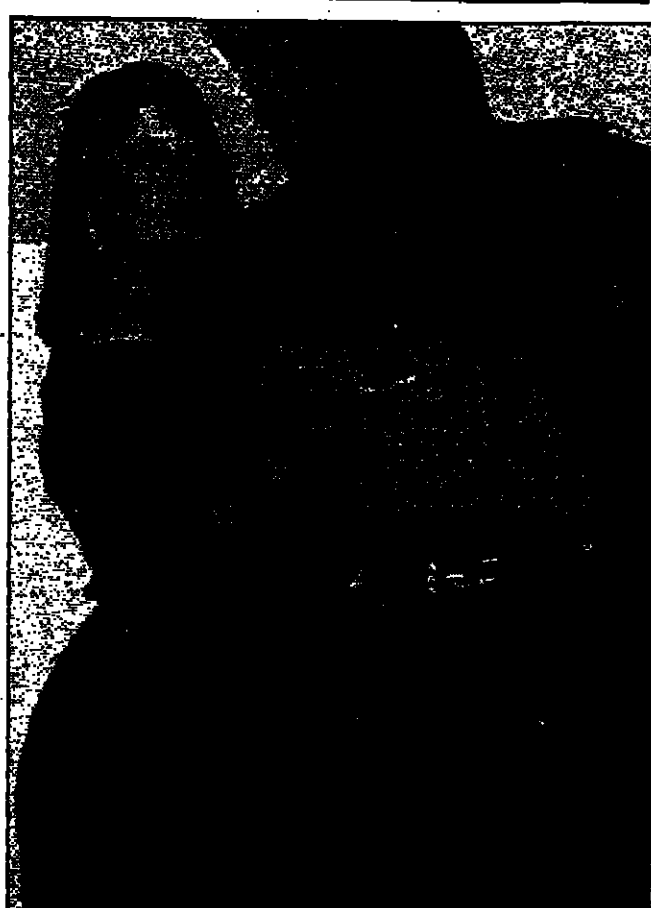
- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Rubick

This week on KTV 2

- 6.30 Chocky: Matthew gains celebrity status as the story of the rescue and the role played by his 'guardian angel' makes front page news.
7.30 Australian Ark: "The Farthest West" A look at life in the desert territories of western Australia.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Magnum: Magnum helps his lawyer girlfriend to stop the judge from interfering in her private life.
9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites
10.00 Perfect Strangers: A man whom Larry helped to put behind bars is released.
10.30 B/W Feature Film: "Stand-in" starring Leslie Howard and Humphrey Bogart. An expert is called in to help a movie company in financial straits.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

WEDNESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Inspector Gadget
6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: Ryan is convinced his schoolmates dislike him and sets out to prove he's an okay kid.
7.00 Managing the Micro: "Thinking Small"
7.30 Growing Pains: "The



Linda Hamilton and Ron Periman star in Beauty and the Beast, on KTV 2, at 8:40 pm on Friday.

- Scarlet Letter"
8.00 News in English
8.30 O'Hara: O'Hara and his assistant Sheaver borrow money from a wealthy woman to use as bait for a drugs gang.
9.30 Wildlife On One: The great limestone caverns of Borneo are inhabited by some very strange birds.
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Sledge in Toyland" A toy factory owner and his girlfriend are shot dead and Sledge is put on the case.
10.30 L.A. Law

SUNDAY

- 10.15 Dawa Lil Hub: starring Mirvat Amin, Mustafa Fahmi, Iman Al Tuki
11.15 Ala Dunya Al Salam: Arabic serial, starring Saad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahd
12.15 Hardcastle: Foreign weekly serial
2.35 Al Sarab: Arabic serial starring Mahmoud Saeed, Abu Ghareeb, Abeer Issa
4.15 Arabic feature film: "Tal Al Aqarab" starring Noura, Younis Shalabi, Salah Qabeel
9.45 Al Hussain: Arabic daily serial starring Samiha Ayoub and Saad Ardash
10.30 Special programme with musician Abdul Fattah Mansi

KTV 1 weekly highlights

MONDAY

- 4.15 1986 World Cup football match: Argentina vs. West Germany
7.50 Arabic feature film: "Al Fanous Al Sahri" starring Ismail Yassin, Kamran, Abdul Salam Al Nabelsi

TUESDAY

- 12.15 Silver Spoons...
4.15 Arabic play: "Al Yawazem" starring: Hala Sedqi, Salah Rashwan...
10.45 Nughoom Al Madina

WEDNESDAY

- 2.30 Al Ajheba: new Arabic daily serial, starring Fadiya Hattab, Saleh Al Hayek, Salma Al Masri

THURSDAY

- 10.15 Iben Al Jabah: new Arabic daily serial
12.30 Magic show
4.15 The Saint
10.00 Arabic feature film: "Daqat Al Babi" starring Huda Sultan, Mustafa Fahmi, Dalal Abdul Aziz

FRIDAY

- 10.15 Al Saif, Al Mafood: weekly children's serial
3.30 Arabic feature film: "Arba Banant Wa Dabet" starring Anwar Wajdi and Naama Akaf
10.45 Naseeb: local weekly serial

- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six
6.30 Sesame Street: tutorial, educational and recreational programme for children...
7.30 Full House: "Our Very First Night" Uncle Jesse and Joey babysit while Danny is out on night duty.
8.00 News in English
8.30 High Mountain Rangers: "War Games" Larry, his brother Jack join a group of men in war games on the mountainside. One of the men is killed and the Rangers team have to find the murderer.
9.30 I Married Dora: "Happy, Happy Birthday" Birthday celebrations for Dora are disrupted by a letter from the Immigration Department.
10.00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues, laughs, fun and sneaky his captured through the hidden camera.
10.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 2.00 Holy Quran
2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Foo Fun
6.30 Walt Disney Film: "My Town" a look at life in Millville.
7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humorous discussions and a short story for children...
8.00 News in English
8.30 Summer '88
8.40 Beauty and the Beast: "To Reign in Hell" Catherine is kidnapped and hidden underground. Will the Beast rescue her despite a fortune teller's warning of an ambush?
9.30 227: "The Working Game" Calvin befriends a wealthy young man who shows interest in Mary's daughter. The community is suspicious.
10.00 Guinness Book of World Records
10.30 Tour of Duty: "War Lover" The group is sent to destroy a bridge near the North-South border.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Space Adventure: cartoon serial
10.15 Dawa Lil Hub: starring Mirvat Amin, Mustafa Fahmi, Iman Al-Tuki
11.15 Ala Dunya Al Salam: Arabic serial, starring Saad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahd
12.15 Weekly Arabic programme on the kitchen
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World today via satellite
2.00 Songs and Music
2.35 Al Sarab: Arabic serial starring Mahmoud Saeed, Abu Ghareeb, Abeer Issa
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons
4.00 News Summary
4.15 Hekayat Al Ayam Al-Asabah
6.00 The Junior Artists: local weekly
6.30 Official announcements and information
7.00 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir
7.30 Nazrat Alal Alam
7.50 Humat Al Watan
9.00 Newsin Arabic
9.45 Al Hussain: Arabic daily serial starring Samiha Ayoub and Saad Ardash
10.45 Liqa Mutakher: Arabic weekly serial starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Bousi and



Simon and Simon compete with a former policeman, on KTV 2 at 8.30 pm.

- Mahmoud Masoud
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World today via satellite/Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.10 Holy Quran
6.10 Duck Tales
6.30 God's Wonderful Railway: "Clear

Ahead" — Part 3. George learns, the painful way, that people are not always what they appear to be.

7.00 World of Survival: a look at seals in the northern Arctic Ocean.

7.30 Alf: "Uncle Albert, We Are Sorry" Uncle Albert visits the family and Alf is forced into hiding.

8.00 News in English
8.30 Simon and Simon: "Bad Betty" Betty, a former police officer, hopes to win a major prize by catching Alvie, whom an insurance company has commissioned the Simons to find.

9.30 Beyond 2000: a look at the products of modern technology.

10.30 TV Movie: "Test of Love" starring Angel Punch, Drew Forrest, Mark Butler, Jessica wants to introduce audio and video systems in a hospital to help the mentally retarded.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Bousi stars in Liqa Mutakher, on KTV 1 at 10:45 pm.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning

- 0800 Opening
0805 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Cultural Horizon
0930 Reggae Rock
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1000 The Years of Pops
1100 Closedown

Evening

- 2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Kuwait in a Week
2215 Rock On
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Strictly Romantic
2330 Amazing Facts
2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

0800 World News

- 09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Personal View
45 Recording of the Week
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Guitar Workshop
45 Nature Notebook
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Feature
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Europe's World
45 Business Matters
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30 Here's Humph! 45 Reflections
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PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.44 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.29 pm
Maghreb 6.35
Isha 8.00

NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
Al Amin Pharmacy
Jaber Al Mubarak St., Al Behbehani Bldg.
Bin Hayan Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Haditha Pharmacy
Bin Khalidun St., Al Othman Complex, Nagra

- Sulmiya and Rumeithiya
Al Qods Pharmacy
Ext. of Amman St., Abdul Karim Al Mizal Bldg.
Fahabel and Ahmadi
Al Wafa Pharmacy
Al Dabbous St., Al Dabbous Qaysariya
Juleeb Al Shiyoohk
Al Nimran Pharmacy
Opp. Juleeb Al Shiyoohk intermediate school
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
Souk Jadid

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

- Tareq Rajab Museum**
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.
Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.
Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

- German-speaking Cultural Association**
The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.
Summer Belle 88
The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.
Y.M.C.A.
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.
Bangladesh variety show
Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

Malayalam debate
A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: A discussion on the important creations of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); the different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).
The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun, 4814477.
Indian Arts Circle
The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.
Onam Festival
The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala raking arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil — 2422973.
D'Assisi Association
The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.
On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the pool-side; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.
Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.
At the Hilton
La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.
At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.
Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special-baked cheesecake — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.
At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.
Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.
There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm: live entertainment provided.
At the Sheraton
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

HOTELS

- At the Meridien**
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.
At the Continental
The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

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Raaj Tilak (Hindi)
Al Fahaeel
Oru Minnamunginte
Nurungu Vettom
(Malayalam)
Al Jahra
The New Kids
Granada
The Armour of God
Sulabikhat
Laila Al Qabd Als Bakiza
Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Al Babeli, Isaad Younis, Yousef Shaaban
Al Jleeb
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(Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Guns and Fury



Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in The Running Man, currently showing at Al Andalus.

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Thought for today

Leave discontent alone, and she will shut her mouth and let you sing — James Whitcomb Riley, US poet (1849-1916).

Bhopal gas victims live in misery

By Rajendra Bajpai

NEW DELHI. (Reuters): For thousands of people, the vast Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal is the symbol of death and a source of lifelong misery.

"When I see the factory I feel like blowing it up. I'll get a bomb, you would not see this factory tomorrow morning," Mohammad Yunus, a jobless 19-year-old who lives near from the now-closed plant, told a recent visitor from New Delhi.

He is a survivor of Dec 3, 1984, accident, when poisonous methyl isocyanate gas leaked from the plant owned by the Indian subsidiary of the Connecticut-based Union Carbide Corporation. It formed poisonous, yellow clouds that claimed 3,000 lives.

In less than 24 hours, Bhopal, virtually unknown outside India, gained the dubious distinction of being the site of the world's worst industrial accident.

Perished

Yunus's 30-year-old brother Mohammad Shakib, sister-in-law and their two-month-old child perished. The family now waits, like tens of thousands of others, for Union Carbide to pay compensation.

Tears welled up in the eyes of Kubra Bi, Shakib's mother who now brings up three surviving grandchildren. The Indian government paid her Rs 30,000 rupees (\$2,000) in compensation for three deaths in the family.

Nothing has come from Union Carbide, now locked in a bitter and lengthy court battle over compensation with New Delhi, which is claiming \$3.3 billion on behalf of more than 525,000 victims.

Kubra Bi recalled the night of horror when she suddenly woke up as acrid smoke disturbed her sleep.

"I remember Shakib had been to the mosque that day and we had chatted long into the night. He woke up, took out his scooter and ferried the family to a mosque. He made several trips," she said.

Died

"The next day was Sunday and our two-month-old grandchild died. On Tuesday my son died and on Wednesday my daughter-in-law. They were all buried together."

Nathu Ram Gupta, a 40-year-old machineman, woke up that night coughing and felt his eyes burning. He fled, shouting at his

Thatcherism runs into opposition

By Marcus Eliason

LONDON. (AP): As novelist John Mortimer would reflect the way some people reacted, "we might have been plotting to pinch the crown jewels" by gathering to grouch about Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's policies.

All the author of "Paradise Postponed" and the "Rumole" TV series did was attend a soiree in June at the home of Lady Antonia Fraser, the historian. The liberal literary set assembled there for a discussion of how to counter Thatcher's plans to bury British socialism.

"The reactions of some right-wing commentators illustrate the bilious tenor of political debate in this 10th year of the Thatcher revolution."

Intellectuals have never enjoyed the esteem in Britain that their peers are accorded in France and Germany.

"British intellectuals tend to disguise themselves," said Patrick Bateson, provost of King's College, Cambridge.

In this case, having poked their heads above ground at the Fraser Dinner, they have come in for attacks ranging from the snide through the derisive to the downright belligerent.

Politics

Common themes are these: Writers know nothing of politics. They have become richer in the Thatcher years, they are "champane socialists" out of touch with the masses they claim to defend, and other regimes would put them in jail.

The Sunday Telegraph headlined "The betrayal of the intellectuals" and its editor, Peregrine Worsthorne, got even

Today's European businessmen are a different lot

Economic integration programme irreversible

By John Yemma

PARIS: Italian financier Carlo de Benedetti cuts business deals right and left, speaks at least five languages, and aims to build world-class European corporate empire out of bits and pieces of Italy, France, and Belgium.

Lord Francis Cockfield, vice-president of the Commission of the European Economic Community, recently met De Benedetti and describes him as "a man of the future." An associate calls De Benedetti "a man in a hurry."

He certainly is not a typical European. He is as brash as any American corporate raider, constantly buying and selling and jettisoning capital to capital. He controls Olivetti, the Italian office-machine giant; Yves Saint Laurent, the Paris-based fashion house; and Valeo, a major French auto-equipment company. He owns a stake in London-based Pearson, which publishes the Financial Times, the Economist, and Penguin books. He has companies in Spain, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and elsewhere.

Hostile

What really made big headlines in Europe this spring, however, was a hostile bid for Societe Generale de Belgique, a Belgian conglomerate that dominates the economy of that small nation. Recently, after a five-month fight, De Benedetti settled for a minority interest in Generale, a stake in Suez, the giant French financial group — and a \$1 billion profit.

De Benedetti is a symbol of the upheaval in European business today. He is also part of the cause. Robert de Bruin, a key aide with De Benedetti's Paris-based Cerus holding company, says his boss "works as if 1992 exists already." De Benedetti pushes change, he doesn't like establishment.

That is very unlike European businessmen of old, who had cozy, protected markets, who enjoyed fixing prices and allocating market share over a five-course lunch at a nice restaurant.

They abhorred fighting it out at shareholder meetings and on the financial pages. But De Benedetti is different. "He says if he is really a European there is no reason, for instance, not to meddle in French politics," De Bruin notes. "We are all part of the same country."

Government might have set the ball in motion, but businessmen such as De Benedetti, Edzard Reuter of Daimler-Benz,

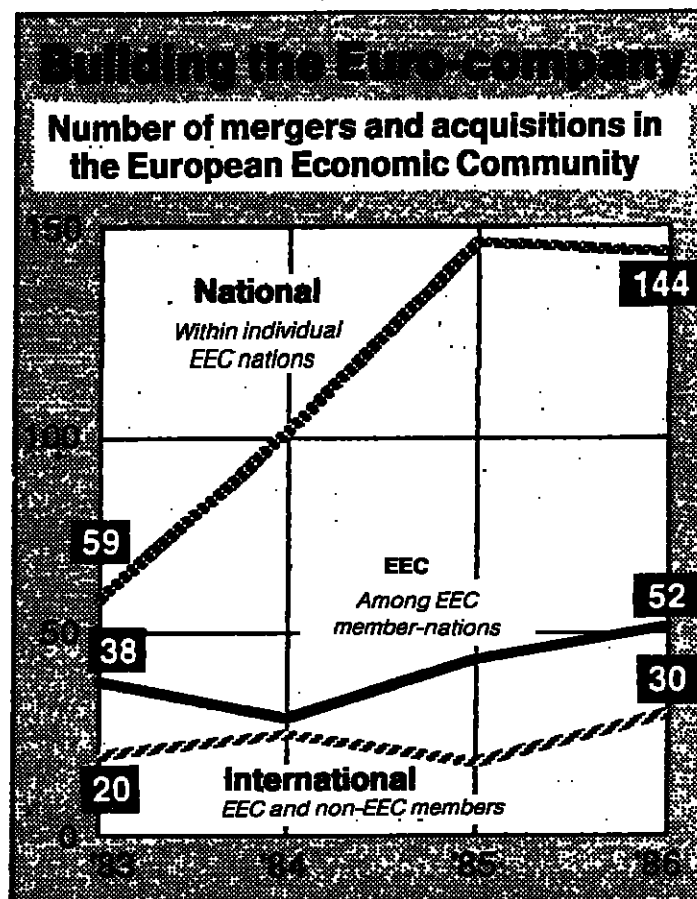
the London-based Saatchi brothers, and French publisher Jean-Luc Lagardere — who controls Hachette and the arms giant Matra — are just a few of the captains of European industry now competing on a global scale, piecing together European-sized corporations.

The aim, De Benedetti has said, is European companies that are Italian in Italy, Finnish in Finland, and European in Europe. "With all the intra-European deals that he and others are doing today, economists, politicians, and businessmen say the 1992 programme of economic integration is already irreversible."

For business, the single market is most welcome. For Philips, the Netherlands-based electronics giant, the single market offers the welcome prospect of making one kind of television set, rather than seven. For truckers, it means shorter lines at borders and less paperwork. For professionals such as doctors, the ability to practise in London, Bonn, or wherever.

It means an end to German beer-purity regulations, Italian pasta protection laws, Belgian chocolate content restrictions, Greek ice cream specifications — all of which bar outside competition.

The EEC estimates there are more than 100,000 technical regulations and standards. And



Source: European Economic Community

too often, an EEC report says, "technical barriers are greatest in high-tech sectors, where market

fragmentation in Europe is a major competitive disadvantage vis-a-vis producers in the United

Breaking the language barrier

By John Yemma

BRUSSELS: Economist Michael Emerson of the European Economic Community (EEC) recently asked an audience of 350 British businessmen if they were bilingual.

The vast majority were, he says, and even when polled about a third or fourth language, an impressive number of hands were raised. "And these were British!" he notes with amusement — a nation not known for its facility with languages other than English.

No official language surveys have been carried out by the 12-nation European Economic Community. In general, throughout Europe the Germans are considered the most multilingual, followed by the Dutch. The British rank fairly low. The French are almost always in last place.

"We know all our European competitors are madly learning

English," says Amanda Feeney, head of the European commercial department in the Confederation of British Industry. "We can't emphasize languages enough."

John Mayes of the British Department of Trade and Industry says the government is encouraging businessmen to learn a second language. But language training is an individual thing, he adds. "I know we use the term quite a lot, but 'market forces' may eventually dictate it as a necessity."

Disagree

So might technology. Janine Monnot at the multinational Airbus consortium in Toulouse, France, sees technology as the route to a common European language. A French engineer and a British engineer might disagree on design points, but the technological reasons that an airplane can fly are arguably the same, she says.

It's difficult, however, to trans-

late that into everyday life. Modern hieroglyphics can help.

"Instead of writing everything in English," says George Hall, manager of external relations for British computermaker STC, "you use icons" — little symbols representing computer programme functions. The European market also caused STC to change the colour of its start button from red (Britain) to green (European). And in recruiting new talent for STC, Hall says, emphasis is now being placed less on technological capabilities and more on marketing and language skills, the better to penetrate the European market.

In Paris, Philippe Combin of the French Employers' Association (the Patronat) points out that monoglots and chauvinists about the French language are rare in internationally oriented French companies. Like Great Britain, however, language

States and Japan."

It's a hassle for business and for consumers. If a German wants to register his auto in France today, he must change the headlights, the wiring, the windshield. And 1992 promises to change that and more. It will ease non-tariff barriers, harmonize standards, free capital flows, bring value-added taxes into line, and cause national governments to procure goods and services anywhere, seeking the best value for the money, not just in sweetheart deals with national suppliers.

"The very fact that business is preparing for 1992 rather than trying to block it is extraordinarily important," says Michael Emerson, a European Community economist in Brussels. "We are in a new phase, something is working in a new way."

The reason most often given: the threat from Japanese and US businesses. George Hall of British computermaker STC, says the internal market lets European firms "enjoy the benefits of scale that the Community has always promised but has never before delivered."

By scaling up internally, he says, European enterprises then can compete against the US and Japan. The affluence and size of the internal market also explain why corporations outside the Community are rushing to get a foothold. British officials, for

instance, think Swiss giants Nestle and Suchard have tried to acquire British candy companies for just this reason. Sony and other Japanese corporations, meanwhile, are trying to show they are good European corporate citizens by extensive public relations campaigns.

But if 1992 benefits are high, so are the costs. No one has yet estimated plant closings and unemployment after 1992. The EEC says more new jobs will be created than old ones lost. But planners in places like France say they recognise that marginally profitable heavy industry could face problems.

Tugging on rubber bands as if to emphasise how flexible British industry must be, Francis Maude, British Undersecretary of State for Corporate Affairs, says firmly: "Nineteen-ninety-two is about a lot more than trade. It is about a whole range of economic activities — joint ventures, mergers, and acquisitions. This is about how competitive you are."

Takeovers

Across the Channel, Philippe Combin of the French Employers' Association notes, "In the past, you have never had in France as many takeovers as in the US or Britain," mainly because the French government, through its dirigisme policy, decided which companies would and would not be merged. Now, he says, "We are getting mergers. This is important because you have to get a European size to compete on the world market."

"We are conscious," Combin says, "that this could be a challenge to many companies, but there is no other solution." Global competition, he adds, means "be European or die."

"It's the dying that might present a problem. Despite the expressed willingness of European leaders to tough it out, big questions remain unanswered about how governments, citizens, and pressure groups will react once their borders are open to competition. If the French auto industry or the Italian steel industry start to sink, will pressure groups force a national bailout?"

Jean-Pierre Jouyet, a high-ranking official in the Ministry of Industry, admits that French heavy industry "has a lagging competitiveness" compared with that of Britain, Germany, and the Benelux countries. But he adds, "We must go toward getting more competitive."

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World of UN diplomacy

Words don't always mean what you think

By Victoria Graham

UNITED NATIONS. (AP): In the looking-glass world of UN diplomacy, words don't always mean what you think, speakers don't always say what they mean and the most admired skill is reading between the lines.

The most popular pastime is dissecting the statements of diplomats, deciding what is hard-line rhetoric for the benefit of people back home and what really is going on.

Diplomats know that what is said in the secretary-general's art-filled 38th floor office seldom decides the fate of nations, but reflects decisions made elsewhere.

In the Iran-Iraq war, for example, public statements before a battery of microphones and television cameras outside UN headquarters indicate serious problems in the negotiations. A stumbling block has emerged over direct talks, which Iraq says it wants before a ceasefire in the 8-year-old Gulf war and which Iran says it wants only after a ceasefire.

Patience

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar counsels patience and says he is working on compromises to resolve "procedural difficulties."

Diplomats listen, then consider formulas that could accom-

modate both sides. Despite strident statements, very few things are immutable at the United Nations and concessions are part of the game.

There is speculation the secretary-general could announce a ceasefire date but leave time before it takes effect. That could please Iran.

In the interim, diplomats say, he could persuade Iraq to agree to direct talks with Iraq before a ceasefire takes hold. That would please Iraq.

Or the UN chief could persuade the five permanent members of the Security Council to guarantee a ceasefire, as proposed by Iraq. Iraq then might relent in its demand for immediate face-to-face talks. That would please Iran and many other nations and give Iraq its guarantee.

Observe

In another scenario, Iraq could observe a de facto ceasefire without any formal acceptance. Then it wouldn't violate its own demand for talks before a ceasefire.

Iran says it could favourably consider direct talks "at an acceptable level" after a ceasefire, troop withdrawal and prisoner exchange.

But does it mean the announcement of a ceasefire or its actual implementation? That's subject to negotiation.

Deciphering statements at the

United Nations often requires comparing them with statements from the home front.

On July 18, Iran's revolutionary patriarch, Ayatollah Khomeini, said Iran would reverse its position and accept Security Council resolution 598, which calls for a ceasefire and other measures to end the war.

He said accepting the year-old resolution was like "swallowing poison."

Iran has said it wants an immediate ceasefire and has no tactical or other motivations in seeking lasting peace. But on Tuesday, Iranian President Ali Khamenei said prospects for an end to the war were "extremely doubtful."

Confusion

Iran's deputy foreign minister sowed more confusion over the weekend when he said Iran has "no obstacles" to direct talks.

After more than a week of separate talks between the secretary-general and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, the discussions are moving slowly.

Both sides proclaim they never will change their positions, firmly and nobly grounded in the best interests of their people. But neither Iranian nor Iraqi envoys appear willing to give a simple "yes" or "no" answer to a simple question.

For example, reporters recent-

ly asked Iranian ambassador Mohammad Ali Qasbi, Mahallati whether Iran would accept direct talks if the secretary-general asked.

Co-operate

Answer: "We will do whatever is necessary to implement resolution 598. We co-operate fully with the secretary-general, but cannot accept preconditions."

Question: Does that mean you will meet face-to-face with Iraq if asked to do so by the secretary-general?

A: "Our statement speaks for itself."

Reporters asked Iraqi envoy Riyadh Al Qaysi, a former UN ambassador, what Iraq would do if the secretary-general announces a date to begin a ceasefire without direct talks.

"You have heard my statement. The answer is included therein. We will not accept a fait accompli, no matter in what form or from which quarter it comes," he said.

Reporters then asked the secretary-general for his reaction.

"Fait accompli" is French. ... I don't know if he understands properly "fait accompli" meaning ... we are negotiating for two weeks on the possibility of ceasefire ... and I think "fait accompli" is a little (use) of (the) imagination of those who use the word and don't know what it means," Perez de Cuellar said.

Distrust attached to Marcos' name

By David W. Jones

MANILA. (UPI): The Philippine government, stunned by former President Ferdinand Marcos' offer to pay back a staggering \$5 billion, reacted with an immediate, predictable thought: If Marcos is making this offer there must be something wrong with it.

No amount of money can seemingly dispel the distrust attached to Marcos' name.

Numerous explanations have been advanced to explain the government's out-of-hand rejection Thursday of the proposal, which would have allowed Marcos to return to the Philippines and protected him from prosecution for crimes committed during his 20-year rule.

One thing seems clear: after 20 months of relatively peaceful exile in Hawaii, Marcos is finally feeling the heat of legal actions

against him in both Manila and Washington.

One explanation put forward by presidential adviser Catalino Macaraig, who confirmed the offer Thursday, is that the government doubts Marcos really has the money and thinks he is simply trying to duck an imminent indictment in the United States on charges of fraud and conspiracy involving his ownership of several Manhattan buildings.

Repay

The University of California professor who first disclosed the offer says the government has decided that if he is willing to repay \$5 billion — a figure denied by Marcos — he must have taken many times that and officials want to hold out for more.

Yet others believe the administration found it morally repugnant to "sell" an amnesty to Marcos.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1600 — France's King Henry IV invades Duchy of Savoy in Italy.
- 1661 — Portuguese and Dutch sign treaty whereby Portuguese retain Brazil and Dutch keep Ceylon.
- 1726 — Holy Roman Empire and Russia conclude military alliance against Turkey.
- 1806 — Holy Roman Empire ends as Francis II formally resigns the imperial dignity and becomes Francis I, emperor of Austria.
- 1824 — Simon Bolivar defeats Spanish forces at Junin in Peru.
- 1828 — Mehmet Ali, ruler of Egypt, agrees to British demands to quit Greece.
- 1840 — Louis Napoleon attempts uprising at Boulogne in France but it fails and he subsequently is sentenced to life imprisonment.
- 1844 — French under Duc de Joinville begin hostilities against Morocco.
- 1849 — Peace of Milan ends war between Sardinia and Austria.
- 1914 — Serbia and Montenegro declare war on Germany.
- 1945 — US plane drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima in Japan near end of World War II.
- 1962 — China agrees to meeting with India to discuss border disputes.
- 1973 — Mistaken attack by US bombers on Cambodian town of Neak Long kills and wounds hundreds.
- 1977 — Bomb explodes in Salisbury, Rhodesia, store, killing 11 people in what is described as worst act of urban terrorism in five years of guerrilla warfare.
- 1987 — US Secretary of State George P. Shultz says United States must guard against possible Iranian terrorism.

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Fleetwood Mac: a new lease of life

Nothing succeeds in rock music like longevity and after 21 years, Fleetwood Mac are still making waves with the addition of two new guitarists.

By Mark Cooper

FLEETWOOD MAC are the group that refused to lie down and die so many times that even its longest serving members must sometimes feel like ghosts.

The light untroubled bounce of the band's simple pop ditties belies a history that Michael Jackson's penchant for cosmetic surgery amount to little more than a check-up at the dentist.

Yet Fleetwood Mac have always rolled with the punches, pausing only to inject new blood when another body falls by the wayside.

Nothing succeeds in rock like longevity and the tragicomic litany of mental collapse, marital and romantic trauma and drink and drug abuse has only embellished the myth.

After 21 years, Fleetwood Mac behaves like a seasoned vampire who knows he need only feed at regular intervals to live forever.



Christine McVie: eternal Rock of Gibraltar for the group

No matter that Lindsay Buckingham, chief architect of the Mac sound since 1975, left last year rather than undergo another world tour.

Tango In The Night, the last album he produced for the group, looks set to sell over two million copies in Britain alone and is already into its sixth single 13 months after its release.

Meanwhile Fleetwood Mac have been touring the States since last autumn, fleshed out with the addition of two new guitarists, Rick Vito and Billy Burnette, who push the band back towards the hard-edged blues-rock drive of its earliest successes, albeit with more than a dash of stadium boogie.

Vito's style recalls that of Peter Green, the guitarist responsible for their 60s successes, who abandoned the group in 1969, overcome by "guilt" and LSD.

Christine McVie remains the eternal Rock of Gibraltar of the group, which was beset by the booze problems of Stevie Nicks and John McVie, her own stormy love affair with Beach Boy Dennis Wilson who later drowned.

Rumours

"It has been a bit of a soap opera and I don't mind people calling it that because it's the truth," she explains.

"Odd things happen to this band all the time. When you're right in the middle, you become philosophical. The new members have given the band a new lease of life and we've got some momentum going again. We don't plan on waiting five years between albums this time."

McVie appears to regard Buckingham's departure as a weight off the band's shoulders.

Despite suggestions that he has been the creative driving



Fleetwood Mac: momentum going again

force behind the band for the last 12 years, McVie regards the rhythm section as the core of the group.

"Throughout our career we've had so many diverse front line-ups. Anything goes in this band; we've never rested on one style but everything the group plays comes out sounding like Fleetwood Mac

because of the way that Mick and John play. There's simplicity and underlying quality to everything they do."

Meanwhile the usual rumours surrounded the group, marriages came and went, solo careers were launched and sometimes prospered.

John McVie and Stevie Nicks struggled with their

dependencies, Mick Fleetwood went bankrupt, Christine McVie has watched her band mates commit every publicised error available to the members of rock's aristocracy and now all she wants to do is to get her head down and write more songs.

Christine is glad to have the new guitarists on board because she believes that Fleetwood Mac is a band of contrasts and is pleased to be able to pay homage to Peter Green's legacy once again.

"When you have a two and a half hour show, you can afford to pay tribute to one of the finest guitar players in the world and one of the finest songwriters this band has had. It was Peter that formed the band. McVie's gift is to make light of troubled waters. The current Fleetwood Mac show too often suggests separate individuals running through solo turns and rumours that each band member has his or her own manager hardly indicates that Fleetwood Mac remain a tight ship. Yet if the guitar heroics now seem purely American the English core of Fleetwood Mac has grown more skilful until McVie's songs and that effortless rhythm section sound like the carefree work of an hour instead of the fruits of 21 years on the job."

"Ah well," laughs Christine McVie, "the simplest things are always the hardest to write."

It's hip to twist again!

By Linda Duff

THE establishment hated it. Mothers Superior loathed it. Yet it was the dance that set the Sixties spinning.

Now it is back — and all thanks to roly-polies Chubby Checker and trendy rap trio The Fat Boys.

It's hip to twist again. Even if the dance is now a rye 28-year-old, and old-time Chubby is nearly 50.

Naturally, the uniform is different. Gone are the Sixties-style twinsties, the pearls and the sling-back patent leather high-heels.

Today the in gear is long-legged, Day-Glo shorts, brightly patterned tops, fake chunky jewellery and — most important of all — a baseball cap.

No Eighties hep-cat would resist without one.

Millions of TV viewers watching the recent Wembley Stadium Nelson Mandela concert saw 80,000-odd pop fans break into vigorous, bum-wiggling antics as Chubby and The Fat Boys launched into a storming version of his 1960 hit The Twist.

That was the signal for the nation to twist again like it did all those summers ago.

Some prefer to call it a touch dance, because you can get away with touching your partner.

"It's exhausting, it's exhilarating, it's exciting. And it's sexy," says dance instructor James Cronin.

"You can hold hands with your partner, rub backs and shoulders together."

"It's a social dance, marvellous fun — and miles better than boring disco."

Winwood tops US charts

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Winwood topped the top of the single pop record charts in the United States on Wednesday with his new hit Roll With It. The disc was in second place a week ago.

Def Leppard's Pour Some Sugar On Me dipped from number one into second position on the Cash Box magazine chart, while Breathe's Hands To Heaven moved up two notches to third.

Last week's number three hit, Hold On To The Night by Richard Marx, toppled to seventh place.

A couple of I Don't Wanna tunes made their way into the Top Ten list this week. I Don't Wanna Live Without Your Love by Chicago moved up from 12th to 8th, and I Don't Wanna Go On With You Like That by Elton John climbed from 13th to 9th.

As for the Country-and-Western singles, Restless Heart's Bluest Eyes In Texas made it to the number one spot on the Cash Box magazine chart. Sunday Kind of Love by Reba McEntire was second, and Don't Close Your Eyes by Keith Whitley was third.

Top Ten US

The Ten Top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (2) Roll With It — Steve Winwood (Virgin).
- (1) Pour Some Sugar On Me — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).
- (5) Hands to Heaven — Breathe (A and M).
- (12) I Don't Wanna Live Without Your Love — Chicago (Warner Brothers).
- (13) I Don't Wanna Go On With You Like That — Elton John (MCA).
- (4) The Flame — Cheap Trick (Epic).
- (11) Give a Little Love — The Judds (RCA-Curb).
- (10) I'll Give You My Love Tonight — Bellamy Brothers (MCA-Curb).
- (3) Don't We All Have The Right — Ricky van Shelton (Columbia).
- (13) A Little Bit in Love — Patty Loveless (MCA).

Top Ten UK

LONDON: Yazz and the Plas-

tic Population jumped to the top of the British pop singles chart with The Only Way Is Up, topping Nothing's Gonna Change My Love by Glenn Medeiros.

Yazz, an English fashion model turned singer, moved up from 12th place last week, while Medeiros dropped two places to third.

Australia's Kylie Minogue entered the charts in second place with The Loco-Motion. Another fast-seller was I Need You by B.V.S.M.P., which moved from 22nd to 5th position.

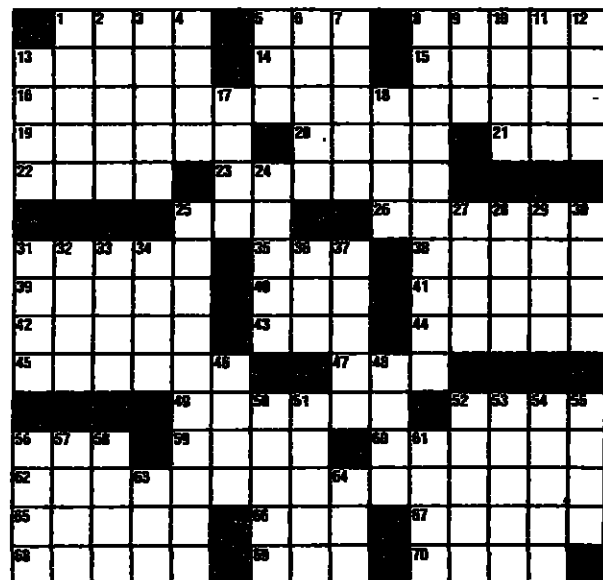
This week's Top Ten singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (12) The Only Way Is Up — Yazz and the Plastic Population (Big Life).
- (-) The Loco-Motion — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
- (11) Nothing's Gonna Change My Love — Glenn Medeiros (London).
- (2) Push It — Salt 'n' Pepa (PFR).
- (22) I Need You — B.V.S.M.P. (Debut).
- (3) I Don't Want To Talk About It — Everything But The Girl (Blanco Y Negro).
- (8) Superfly Guy — S-Express (Mute).
- (16) You Came — Kim Wilde (MCA).
- (6) Roses are Red — Mac Band-McCampbell Bros (MCA).
- (4) I Want Your Love — Transvision Vamp (MCA).



Def Leppard: slipped to No 2 in US charts

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Cast off
 - Leatherworking tool
 - Established principle
 - Attest
 - By way of
 - Bay window
 - Bill Watterson's comic duo
 - One-celled protozoa
 - Aud's "The — of the Cave Bear"
 - DDE's command
 - Small amounts
 - Globe
 - Pitch
 - Get away
 - Scroll of the Pentateuch
 - Jima
 - Revealed
 - Yucca relative
 - Headroom
 - Exploiting
 - Letter embellishment
 - Greek letter
 - Prepared
 - Vacillate
 - "Life with Father" author
 - Hired
 - Bewitched
 - Visitors from space, for short
 - Portico, in ancient Greece
 - Part of an orbit
 - Hank
 - Ketchum's comic hero
 - Ancient Celtic priest
 - Dawn goddess
 - Good-bye, along the Rio
- DOWN**
- Viewpoint
 - Sheriff's asst.
 - Darling of the Mets et al.
 - Pundit
 - Spartan serif
 - Roof
 - features
 - Small amount
 - Gardner of note
 - Hauling device
 - Dip
 - Trudeau's strip
 - Celestial sphere
 - Taunt
 - Track event
 - Sprach
 - Zarathustra
 - Healing sign
 - Space org.
 - Go in haste
 - Gussy up
 - Gary Larson's weird world
 - Work for Perry Mason
 - Opera
 - highlight
 - Remain undecided
 - Impatient
 - Soviet news agency
 - Certain curve
 - Distinctive
 - Bird, to Brutus
 - Saw, in reverse
 - Nitrous — (laughing gas)
 - Saturates
 - Economist
 - Smith
 - Eminent
 - California-Nevada lake
 - Musical composition
 - Once more
 - National Monument, near Santa Fe
 - River in N. England
 - Icelandic literary work
 - Sea swallow
 - Close-fitting
 - Prickly —
 - Zero
 - 6th sense, perhaps

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

MARC ACTS DRAFT
OLEO SHEA ROMEO
MANN LASS ABBEY
NECK OF THE WOODS
RIPE RET
DELETE LONESTAR
ALATE FOCI HIE
TAKESTO THE WOODS
ETE ONUS INSET
DESSERTS BLEEDS
IDA TECH
BABI IN THE WOODS
ABORT IONA READ
GENRE DEER SAGE
STEAD ESTE ELAN

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
YOU BE THE JUDGE

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 5 4
♥ A K 7 4
♦ K 3
♣ Q J 3

WEST
♠ K 2
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 9 8 5 4
♣ A 10 6 4

EAST
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ 6 2
♦ J 10 2
♣ K 9 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 6 3
♥ Q J 10 9 5
♦ A 7 6
♣ 8 7

The bidding:

West North East South
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

Follow the play on this hand from the recent Spring North American Championships in Buffalo. Then decide for yourself whether anyone committed an error or whether everything proceeded normally.

Once his suit was raised, South's hand was borderline for a jump to game. A trial bid in one of the point-

ed suits might have been a wiser approach, and the final contract would have hinged on whether South chose two spades or three diamonds as the game try.

Against four hearts, West led his fourth-best diamond. Declarer won in dummy and drew trumps in two rounds with the ace and queen, then led a club. West played low and East captured the jack with the king. He shifted to the queen of spades, ducked by declarer who won the spade continuation to lead a second club. West rose with the ace but, since he was out of spades, the contract could not be defeated. What's your verdict?

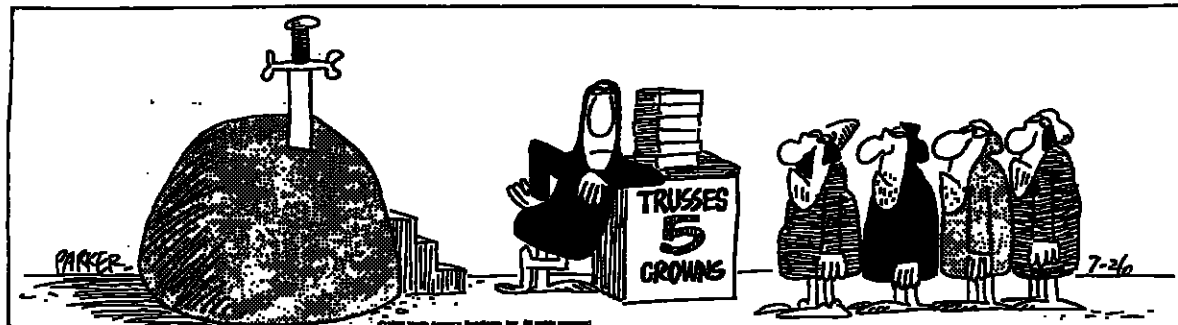
It's not easy to spot, but West could have beaten the hand. To do so, he had to fly in the face of the old adage: "Second hand low." On the first club lead, West must go up with the ace and shift to the king of spades. Declarer has no counter. No matter how he twists and turns, sooner or later East will gain the lead with either the king of clubs or a spade, and the defenders can collect a total of four tricks in the black suits for a one-trick set.



"Don't worry if this credit card is reported stolen. It's only my husband."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
This is going to be an eventful day and you must conserve your energies. Venus' more favourable influence will help you to deal with a personal problem. You should watch out for mistakes and not only your own. Be alert.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
You should not hesitate to show your gratitude. You have every reason to have more faith in yourself. Make sure you take regular gentle exercise. Be hopeful.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
You should be a little more patient and your patience will be well rewarded. The prospects are good only you must not do anything rash. You should listen to what others are saying and restrain your own voice. Be fair.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
You will be able to do something you have been putting to one side. Make sure you do not do anything that would upset any member of your family. You will be able to establish what is the right thing to do in the circumstances.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You should try to adapt yourself to something that cannot be changed. Seek to be a little more calm and collected. You should pay more attention to your personal appearance. Be prompt.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You should try to think a little more positively and constructively. You will be able to do something to bring about a personal ambition. Do not just think of what is happening here and now. Be responsive.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to stay on good terms with your friends. You will be able to consolidate something you have already done. You should not however seek to rest on your laurels. Be dependable.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
You will be liable to spend too much on trying to keep up with the 'Joneses'. You should await certain developments before deciding what to do yourself. This is not the time to do anything very much out of the ordinary. Be moderate.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You will tend to blow a small problem up out of all proportion. Your independence of spirit will win the day. You should make sure you do not betray a confidence whatever the circumstances. Be resilient.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
You will be able to put a good idea into practice. You should use a bit more tact and restraint when dealing with a rather awkward acquaintance. Make sure you do not try to resist an inevitable change. Be considerate.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You should not become too impatient nor should you try to have it all your own way. You are a little too liable not to see the wood for the trees. You would be wrong to trust too much to luck just now. Be aware.

A new novel from the Colombian Nobel prize-winner

Expanding life's possibilities

By Merle Rubin

THE Colombian-born writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1982. 15 years after the extraordinary fireworks display of this stunning novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude." In all the years before and after the prize, he continued to write fiction that sputtered and smoldered with a fitful brilliance: strongly written, but thematically disappointing works that never quite matched the already fulfilled promise of his early masterpiece of Magic Realism.

There are no fantastic happenings in "Love in the Time of Cholera." But a man called Florentino Ariza does love a woman named Fermina Daza unrequitedly for more than 50 years, waiting until she is widowed to declare himself, when he is 76 and she 72.

Florentino first sets eyes on Fermina when she is still a schoolgirl. An aspiring poet (throughout his life he will continue to enter poetry competitions, never winning), he woos her in the courtliest fashion: with letters, serenades, verses inscribed on the petals of flowers. Fermina responds, more coolly and guardedly, but when her coarse, ambitious father tries to end the romance, she and Florentino circumvent his plans. Love seems just about to triumph when all of a sudden, Fermina has a kind of negative epiphany in which she realises that this great love was merely an illusion.

Later, this time to her father's delight, she is wooed by the town's most distinguished citizen, Dr Juvenal Urbino: handsome, aristocratic, a pious Roman Catholic, a patron of the arts, and a respected physician whose single-handed



Garcia Marquez: profoundly imaginative

fight to improve sanitary conditions helps wipe out the dreaded cholera epidemics that have been ravaging the country.

Observing the symptoms her son exhibits at the onset of his infatuation, Florentino's mother concludes that "the symptoms of love are the same as those of cholera."

But the feverish love that swings from elation to frustration is only one of the many forms of love that take shape in this richly variegated novel, which follows the lives of its three main characters from the last decades of the 19th century to the first decades of the 20th, from the coastal Caribbean town where they live, across the ocean to Europe, along rough mountain roads to Andean villages, and along the Magdalena River route travelled by boats of the company in which Florentino eventually makes

his fortune. There are the many physical loves that Florentino will experience secretly as a bachelor, no longer a virgin, but still, in his own mind, "saving" himself for Fermina. There is also the love he has for a clever, black former prostitute, whom he helps get a job at the riverboat company and who helps him transform it into a thriving concern. She is his "true woman," whom he always loves but never sleeps with.

Strained

And there is the deepening, sometimes strained, but ultimately solid conjugal love that grows between Fermina and her husband, Juvenal Urbino. They do not fall in love, they "invent" it. By looking for it, they find it. If love can be an illusion, like a dream — involuntary, irrational, fleeting

— so too can it be a deliberately crafted and sustained illusion, like a work of art — complex, enduring a rational invocation of something greater than rationality.

When Florentino once more sets about wooing Fermina, 50 years later, he takes a fresh tack. Instead of the passionate, handwritten love letters of his youth, he sends mature, meditative, typewritten philosophical disquisitions of life and love. At last Fermina is convinced: This love is no illusion. And what does she say to him, this septuagenarian widow? "Let time pass and we will see what it brings." What it brings is the fruition of a love that has unfolded over half a century.

As Fermina and Florentino set sail along the Magdalena River in a boat called the New Fidelity, their late love blossoms amid a landscape made desolate by time and exploitation: The river's once-forested shores have been decimated, the water has receded, the riparian wildlife has dwindled or disappeared. Yet amid the ruins of nature, they find happiness. Time has proved both enemy and friend. This is a novel about people who choose hope over despair, self-knowledge over self-dramatisation, in the belief that love can transform age and time.

"Love in the Time of Cholera" is a boldly romantic, profoundly imaginative, fully imagined work of fiction that expands our sense of life's infinite possibilities.

LOVE in the Time of Cholera, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Translated from the Spanish by Edith Grossman. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 352 pp. \$18.95.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



Patricia Neal: binding the fragments of her life with love

Shifting from crisis to crisis

By Justine Picardie

MANY autobiographies smooth out a jumble of memories into a seamless, smoothly running narrative but in As I Am, the actress Patricia Neal allows her memory to guide the story of its own violation.

The book opens with a startling series of seemingly unrelated leaps through the major events in her life: becoming pregnant with her son, Theo, in 1959 on the night of the Broadway opening of The Miracle Worker, in which she played Helen Keller's mother; Theo's tragic accident as a baby; the ending of her marriage after 30 years in 1983; then back in time to 1962 and the death of her first child Olivia at the age of seven, and forward again five years, to the death of her mother-in-law. It is only by naming her mother-in-law that the ignorant reader can guess that Neal's husband was the writer Roald Dahl.

Neal's memory then skips back to 1965, to the near-fatal strokes she suffered, and quickly moves forward 13 years to a meeting with a beautiful young woman named Maria, the daughter of the film star Gary Cooper, the man who was once the great love of Neal's life. It is Maria, we learn, who introduced Patricia Neal to a Benedictine nunnery. "And it was the nuns who encouraged me to begin to sort out my past, step by step, skipping nothing ... to piece together the fragments of my life."

These fragments are sometimes confusing, especially the endless fleeting references to minor characters in the story. These are full of resonance for the author, but mean very little to the reader. As Neal admits in the epilogue, "I drove my editors crazy with names, names, names of those to whom I will always be beholden."

Yet other fragments are fascinating, steak dinners at the Savoy with Ronald Reagan in 1948, when Neal made a film with the amiable young actor who even then wished more than anything else to be president of the United States. A meeting with Eva Peron, described as "a charming horror" and many more memories, taking in a cast of characters that ranges from Lillian Hellman to the young Paul Newman.

What is most moving about this patchwork is the fact that not only was it painstakingly constructed by a woman who had completely lost her memory after three strokes, but that along with all the suffering and bitterness which seeps through the story, in the end she binds her fragments together with love.

For, as Neal writes, what lay at the heart of the journey through her past was the "hope that in remembering, I can at last know that there is a sense to all of this ... Remembering was laborious. Remembering was humbling. It was painful beyond all words, and then, finally, remembering was purifying, and it began to give me peace."

As I Am by Patricia Neal. Hutchinson £12.95 pp377

Imran Khan reveals all

Sporting view from the pavilion

By Amit Roy

WHEN Imran Khan left his native Lahore for a tour of England in 1971 with the Pakistani cricket team, his worried mother advised her son, then only 19: "Don't bring back a foreign wife."

Khan, now 36, is captain of Pakistan, its greatest sporting hero, one of cricket's great all-rounders, and the subject of countless gushing profiles in Britain's tabloid press.

The "world's most beautiful man", as a drooling headline dubbed him, reveals in this autobiography how he nearly forgot his mother's wishes.

He had reconciled himself, like three other Oxbridge-educated cousins, to an arranged marriage back in Pakistan. But he became involved with an English girl "and even began to contemplate marriage to her." But the modern cricketer's punishing touring schedules plus cultural conflicts conspired to end their relationship.

Feted He has been feted throughout the cricketing world, not least by Britain's 250,000 Pakistanis. He feels sorry for the culturally rootless British-born Pakistanis, rejected by white Britons, but also alien to the land of their parents.

He considers it is wrong that western-educated Pakistani girls in Britain should be locked into unhappy marriages with men imported from villages in Pakistan.

Years in England — the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, Keble College, Oxford and much county cricket, for Worcester and then Sussex — have wrought profound changes in the man. He is no longer sure "how, when or whom" he



Imran Khan: one of cricket's great all-rounders and the subject of countless gushing profiles in Britain's tabloid press

will marry. These simply written but engaging memoirs are refreshingly different from those of other cricketers (notably the former England skipper, Mike Gatting, who comes across as a bit of a whinger in his own book, Leading from the Front), who forever blame other people for their own lapses. Khan is much warmer in his appreciation of his rivals.

Debt He comes across as both courageous and scrupulously fair. He declares, for example, that unlike his parents' generation he is not anti-Indian. He is concerned that politically Pakistan "seems to be drifting towards fragmentation."

He acknowledges his deep debt to English county cricket, the most professional in the world, but also remarks on the racist tendencies of some "old

pros." The West Indian, Vivian Richards, told Imran Khan that he was always particularly severe with Bob Willis because the English fast bowler had once called him a "black bastard" after getting him out.

Now that his cricketing days are nearly over, where does Khan go from here? There are a few clues in the book. When his mother was dying of cancer in Pakistan, he found he could afford to buy the prescribed drugs but another less well-placed countryman could not.

This pained and angered him. Like Ian Botham whom he endorses as "the hardest hitter of the ball in world cricket", Khan has been busy raising money for medical charities. Perhaps the best of Imran is yet to come.

All Round View by Imran Khan. Chatto £12.95 pp 210.

Portraying a range of human foibles

By Linda Taylor

JOSEPHINE HUMPHREYS, in her study of South Carolina domesticity, refreshingly bypasses the heroic or tragic feminist modes. If she has a model, it might be a Shakespearean one, where the resolution of love is the subject for comedy.

Rich in Love, Humphreys' second novel nonetheless has the equipment for tragedy. A life in a solidly happy marriage leaves home because her life, particularly once her husband betrays, has become too permanent. "Nothing was ever new."

Her husband, Pop, who has devoted his life (ironically, as a demolition expert) to making his family secure, scours the world for his house thinking about what might have gone wrong.

One daughter, Rae, returns me, "tricked" into marriage pregnancy, and declines into melancholic lethargy because of her impending loss of freedom. The other daughter, Lucille, aged 17, who should be in love with Wayne, falls for her brother-in-law.

Mayhem From the potential there is a theme, one is assured from the outset, by the calmness of Lucille's narrative voice, that Lucille is on a temporary visit, that order of some kind will be restored.

The novel in fact explores the

nature of harmonious living, which largely depends on the innate good humour of the characters and their commitment to survival. The touchstone, or comic wise figure, in the book is Wayne Frobiness, who lives in a car, where he keeps a bowl for occasional lunches with his snobbish father.

Wayne, "a brilliant strategist in the battle for human happiness," is widely successful on a Samartian's helping because he talks to potential suicides about cars or food or "making a buck." "Get them interested in the affairs of the world," says Wayne ... "sometimes I read them the travel section or what's doing in the Malls."

The killer is torpor, brought on, for symbolic purpose, by the intense heat of a South Carolina summer: "We are going to scorch to death, I thought ... before anybody gets a chance to have babies." The unrelenting sun keeps humans immobile, dries up life, and, at the same moment that Lucille recognises its power, she is also noticing the moon. "It has broken into the water ... And I couldn't help starting to cry."

That old mythological symbol of female subtlety and mystery appears appropriately when Lucille begins to acknowledge the feelings and sexuality of adulthood.

The moon's fragmentation in the water is also analogous to the way in which order has broken down and will re-



Josephine Humphreys: wry humour

assemble in a more satisfactory way.

Pop, for instance, finds old age is more fun with Vera (with whom he attends cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes and lives in a modern shingled bungalow) than it would have been with his Bohemian wife, who requires a pastoral resolution, "a dream house ... out in the country, in a field, behind pines".

Lucille, as narrator, has a keen eye for what is going on around her, physically and emotionally: "a really good view had the power to draw me into it, so I seemed to float out along its curls and colours and

receding planes". It is the texture of the "really good view" in Rich in Love, the unrolling panorama of events and vignettes, Rae singing at a black bar, Billy and Lucille trick-or-treating, Rhody, Lucille's prudent black friend, doing human "research" on a city tour bus, that so satisfactorily balances the novel's good sense. Humphreys draws the reader into it by the imaginative scope and wry humour of her prose, by her curiosity and psychological insight, and by her portrayal of a range of human foibles.

Rich in Love by Josephine Humphreys. Collins Harvill £10.95 pp 261.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By Dr ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

'BRAIN DEAD' MEANS THE BRAIN HAS STOPPED WORKING

QUESTION: What does "brain dead" mean?

ANSWER: In actual practice, it means that the heartbeat and respiration can be maintained artificially, giving the appearance of life, long after the brain itself has stopped working and is "dead."

While determination of death traditionally has been based on the stopping of breathing and the heartbeat, the development of techniques to support failing lung and heart functions — even when the brain appears dead — had made these signs insufficient to determine the death of an individual and most inadequate under certain circumstances. So recent criteria for the determination of death have been based on an assessment of the brain.

To be declared brain-dead, a patient must meet certain clinical conditions, including having no spinal cord reflex movements, no eye opening or other movement — either spontaneously or in response to painful stimuli to the face or trunk; plus other more technical conditions. Determining that a patient is really brain dead is not an easy task and sometimes nearly impossible.

To further complicate matters, there are

certain conditions that can mimic the appearance of brain death, but in reality are something entirely different. Examples include cases of extreme intoxication and drug overdoses.

Advisers to the President's Commission that studied ethical problems in medicine have suggested that in cases of uncertainty or doubt about the diagnosis, a full 24 hours should be allowed to pass after all the clinical signs of death are present, before making the final declaration of death.

Yet despite the difficulty, early recognition and declaration of brain death are important. Continued treatment of patients who are brain dead can subject the family to uncertainty and false hopes. Some people feel that treating a brain-dead patient is an indignity to the patient's body. Others say that medical resources should not be expended on treating patients who are already dead. Still others contend that so long as patient's heart is beating and breath is continuing, that person is alive and deserves any and all treatments available to the medical profession.

In an era where organs may be salvaged from patients already brain dead, the hopes

of many individuals whose lives may depend upon such donors are doomed, as the number of organs remain insufficient to meet the need. Though statistics indicate approximately 20,000 cases per year which might possibly yield donor organs, only about 2,000 to 3,000 actually do.

There are also other unresolved issues involved in the declaration of brain death that remain unsettled. Some are scientific issues that require formal investigations. Others concern social values and public policy and require debate by ethicists and lawyers. Additionally, there are questions as to who should declare a patient to be brain dead ... should it be neurologists, neurosurgeons, anesthesiologists or physicians serving in intensive-care units and emergency departments; should a requirement be that two physicians agree on the diagnosis, particularly when organ donation is a possibility?

These are not easy questions, but most important ones, particularly when so much depends upon the right answers.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Indonesia plans to increase gas exports

JAKARTA, Aug 5, (OPECNA): OPEC member country Indonesia is planning to increase the export of natural gas to Japan to compensate for the loss of oil revenues due to falling oil prices, according to A.R. Ramly, president of the state oil company, Pertamina.

He disclosed this at a ceremony marking the first shipment of Indonesian liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to Japan at Blang Lincang special port, in the Aceh province.

LPG produced by the Arun Gas plant is the first processed from non associated gas, Ramly explained, adding that generally LPG is produced in oil refinery and processed from Associated Gas.

The construction of LPG processing plant in Arun was undertaken following a contract between Pertamina and seven Japanese firms for the supply of 1.6 million tonnes of LPG from Arun and 350,000 tonnes from Bontang plant, in the east Kalimantan province, for a period of 10 years.

Pertamina exported 115 million tonnes of LPG over the past 11 years, he said, adding that his country was a most reliable supplier.

Indonesian exports, excluding oil and gas, totalled \$3.97 billion in value during the first five months of this year, up 36 per cent from the 2.93 billion recorded during the same period in 1987.

According to the Central Bank of Indonesia here, the increase was due to commodities fetching higher prices on world markets.

Most of the goods were exported to Japan, the United States, the countries of the European Economic Community, East Europe, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, the Middle East and China.

The country's main non-oil exports include plywood, rubber, natural rubber, tin, coffee, palm oil, tuna fish, rattan, rattan products and electronic goods.

Meanwhile, the value of crude oil exports over the same period fell by 2.3 per cent — from \$2.43 billion in 1987 to 2.37 billion this year. The main customers were the US, Japan and the EEC countries.

New law to attract foreign investment in Sharjah

ABU DHABI, Aug 5, (OPECNA): The emirate of Sharjah is planning to introduce a new law to attract foreign investments by liberalising business procedures, it was reported here today.

An article published today in the local daily "Khaleej Times" said the proposed law would require foreign investors to enter into contracts with local service agents rather than partners as currently required.

Under the new regulations, the local agent will have no obligation for any debts or market liabilities of the investor.

Mohammed Bin Salem Al-Qasbi, president of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was quoted by the paper as saying the new law would serve both businessmen and local interests by giving them mutual protection.

The draft law had been sent to the ministry of economy and commerce for endorsement, the paper noted.

Sharjah is one of the seven emirates constituting the federal government of the United Arab Emirates.

Oil exploration programmes

QUITO, Aug 5, (OPECNA): Cepe, the Ecuadorian state oil company, is currently embarking on intensive onshore and offshore oil exploration programmes in co-operation with about 30 foreign firms.

The programmes, covering a total area of around 400 million hectares, are aimed at increasing the country's hydrocarbon reserves.

Under the scheme, 56 exploration wells are to be drilled, based on studies covering a total of 20 kilometres of seismic lines.

Work on increasing the output of producing oilfields are currently also in full swing for which 66 of a total of 132 projects to improve the fields have been completed.

Minister of Energy and Mines Fernando Santos-Alvite described the results of the exploration programme as "successful".

KPC looking for new opportunities, says Hussein

Kuwait expands oil refineries

KUWAIT is nearing the end of a multi-billion-dollar programme to expand and modernise its domestic oil refineries, the cornerstone of a policy to capture new markets for refined products overseas.

Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC) has already clinched a place among multinational oil giants with the acquisition of refineries and petrol stations in Europe dating back to 1983 and exploration rights around the globe.

Now, with an expansion project at one of the world's most modern refineries soon to come on stream at Mina Abdullah on the Kuwaiti coast, KPC is hungry for new acquisitions of sales outlets elsewhere in Europe and Asia.

"We are looking for opportunities — companies selling products we want to sell that are profitable and well run," said Hani Hussein, KPC's assistant managing director for marketing.

Kuwait has done more than

any other member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to integrate oil operations from desert wells to consumers abroad.

Keen to squeeze the most out of a barrel of crude oil and insulate itself from price fluctuations in the world crude market, the northern Gulf state has aggressively turned to refined products processing and sales through its own network.

The attraction is clear — prices for refined products such as petrol on the garage forecourt are not as volatile and not subject to OPEC's official selling rates.

KPC subsidiary Kuwait Petroleum International (KPI) now sells petrol directly to European motorists through a network of 4,800 stations bearing the colourful "Q-8" brand logo, a traditional Gulf sailing ship.

Q-8 stations have opened in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy and Britain, many acquired from Gulf Oil Corp in 1983.

Hussein said the European

network now handles between 250,000 and 350,000 barrels a day (BPD).

"We would expect that number to grow... to 400,000-500,000 BPD, ultimately. But not this year or the year after," he said.

Acquisitions He said since KPC aimed to expand market share through acquisitions and service rather than price competition, the pace of expansion depended on the availability of good offers.

We are not talking to anyone now. But this doesn't mean we won't buy if we find the right offer," Hussein said.

Britain, Holland and Italy, where market share is relatively low, are considered by the oil industry as prime targets.

The acquisition by the London-based Kuwait Investment Office of a 22 per cent stake in British Petroleum Co PLC (BP) is so far no more than an investment, but the move raised concern in Britain Kuwait was aiming for long-term control of the company.

"West Germany and France

would be natural locations for us to expand because they are huge consumers of oil. But we have to have the right opportunity," Hussein said.

KPI's only major acquisition so far this year has been a 4,500 BPD Italian lubricating oil plant.

Japan has proved a tough market to crack because of restrictions on foreign investment.

But other Asian countries including the Philippines, where the national oil company mooted privatisation of its downstream business in 1986, have been studied.

At home, the Kuwait National Petroleum Co (KNPC) has commissioned a new crude unit at the Mina Abdullah refinery that will almost double its capacity to around 210,000 BPD, officials said.

Other refineries at Mina Al-Ahmadi and Shuaiba can together produce as much as 585,000 BPD, but Hussein said they were expected to average a total of about 440,000 BPD this year.

That means about two-thirds of current Kuwaiti crude oil production, which Hussein put at just under one million BPD, is sold as refined products. The country's OPEC quota is 996,000.

Kuwait also operates former Gulf oil refineries in Denmark and Holland with a combined throughput of around 135,000 BPD. But they are often run with non-Kuwaiti crude.

Bader Haji Yusuf, manager of Mina Al-Ahmadi refinery, said the \$2 billion expansion project at Mina Abdullah would be fully on stream by early next year.

Scheme That will mark the end of a scheme launched in 1980 to upgrade all three refineries, boosting their output of profitable middle distillates such as gas oil and kerosene at the expense of fuel oil, which yields lower prices.

"The main feature is zero fuel oil," Yusuf said of Mina Abdullah. "It's unique in the area... the goal is to improve on the product quality to be more competitive in world markets."

OPEC panel to meet in Bali in September

Lukman sees peace likely to help oil prices

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Aug 5, (Reuters): OPEC president Rikman Lukman on Thursday dismissed as ridiculous the idea that Iran and Iraq may flood the oil market and send prices crashing if they end their Gulf war.

"It is ridiculous to say the two countries will flood the world with oil," Lukman told Reuters. "If Iran and Iraq want to reconstruct their economies, the last thing they want is lower oil prices as they will earn less revenue and their reconstruction efforts will be defeated."

Controls Last week Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Hossein Khazempour said a ceasefire may lead to a reduction in oil output, but Lukman said that was not necessarily true.

But the Iranian official said peace would eventually help OPEC to enforce output controls.

Lukman also saw protest of more cohesion in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries if the two founder members do stop fighting.

A key issue was Iraq's refusal while the war lasts to subject itself to any OPEC-assigned output quota. Oil market analysts largely blame this, together with above-quota output by the United Arab Emirates, for a glut which is depressing prices at the moment.

Lukman said: "The question now arises whether we can now reintegrate Iraq into the fold and become 13 members and not 12."

He stressed he was simply speculating at this stage.

Prospect But he held out a prospect that, with Iraq back in the fold and UAE other overproduction stopped, OPEC might take about a million barrels daily out

of the market — enough to get prices back up to its target of \$18 a barrel from below \$15 now.

Lukman envisaged that Iraqi output could fall to around 2.3 to 2.4 million barrels per day. Its position has always been that it wanted a quota equal to Iran's 2.36 million.

Meanwhile, "let's also assume that the UAE also cuts production close to quota. This would remove a further 300,000 barrels per day or so from the market," Lukman said.

Capacity He stressed, however, that he did envisage Iraq having to accept a quota which would be way below its capacity.

Iraqi capacity may rise to around 3.7 million over the next year when a pipeline across Saudi Arabia is expanded. And its Oil Minister, Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi, he said it could reach 5.15 million after the war, about

twice current output.

Lukman said: "Saudi Arabia, for example, could say our production capacity is 10 million barrels per day. But it doesn't have a quota of that level."

The Saudi quota is actually 4.3 million.

Meanwhile, oil prices skidded yesterday after a meeting of senior OPEC ministers which the market judged did nothing to deal with a prevailing glut.

Traders said prices fell when the organisation's five-man pricing committee ended a session in Lausanne without seeming to take any significant steps to stop output quota violations by some members which are blamed for an oversupplied market.

But senior OPEC sources said the committee would at least meet again ahead of a scheduled full conference of the organisation on November 21, probably on September in Bali, Indonesia.

OPEC secretary-general Subroto said a time and place had not yet been fixed but also told reporters: "The committee of five will certainly meet to monitor developments between now and September and before the November meeting."

Pledge The committee also got a pledge from the UAE, a leading over-producer, that it would now abide by its quota. Ministers said they would wait to see results.

And Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi said on Thursday a ceasefire in the Gulf war between founder members Iraq and Iran would be likely to result in OPEC calling a full ministerial conference or a lower-level meeting.

"OPEC cannot remain indifferent to a development as important as that," he told reporters.

Italy keen to import more oil from Iran

TEHRAN, Aug 5, (OPECNA): Italy is prepared to expand economic relations with Iran including the purchase of more crude oil, Italian Foreign Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero announced here.

Ruggiero, who is heading a 50-man economic delegation, met with Iran's Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh on Wednesday to discuss ways of stepping up his country's imports of Iranian crude.

Last year, Iran was the second largest supplier of crude to Italy, exporting seven million tons of oil worth \$838 million to the country.

Imports However, in the first four months of this year Italian oil imports from Iran have fallen by 53 per cent to 1.4 million tons compared with 1987 figures.

Ruggiero said that Italy wanted to explore possibilities of increasing the volume of trade exchange between the two countries, stressing that mutual efforts could help bilateral economic and technical relations.

He expressed his country's wish to become involved in Iran's large-scale industrial plans, calling for "frequent exchange" of the countries' experts and technical teams.

Aghazadeh spoke of Iran's willingness to promote technical



Visiting Italian Foreign Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero (left) shakes hands with the Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi before a meeting. Among the issues discussed were ways of expanding trade co-operation between the two countries. (Reuters wirephoto)

co-operation, pointing out that his country enjoyed "special conditions" for foreign economic co-operation resulting from the abundance of its oil, gas and mineral resources.

He stressed that expansion of bilateral co-operation depended heavily on "balanced trade ties" between the two countries.

In the first round of economic talks with Iranian economic

officials, led by Mines and Metals Minister Mohammad Reza Ayatollah, Ruggiero said Italy is ready to grant 30 one-month training scholarships to Iranian technicians annually.

US jobless rate rises to 5.4pc

WASHINGTON, Aug 5, (Reuters): The US unemployment rate rose to 5.4 per cent in July from June's 5.3 per cent even though businesses continued to hire workers at a brisk pace, the government reported today.

The Labour Department said non-farm payroll jobs increased by 283,000 in July after surging by 532,000 in June, a figure that was revised up from the initial estimate of 346,000.

Increase The increase in the unemployment rate was widely anticipated, but economists had not expected job growth to remain so robust in July.

Analysts on Wall Street and at the Federal Reserve, the US Central Bank, are worried that a tightening labour market will fuel

inflation by pushing up labour costs and forcing businesses to raise prices to maintain their profit margins.

Fed chairman Alan Greenspan warned Congress last week that he would raise interest rates further, even though this is an election year, unless the economy started to slow of its own accord.

Glimpse

The unemployment report provided the first statistical glimpse of how the economy performed last month, and economists said the evidence pointed to continued solid growth in production and spending.

Average hours worked rose to 34.9 a week in July from 34.7 in June, while average hourly earnings increased 0.4 per cent, the Labour Department said. Although the Labour Depart-

ment's business survey revealed strong job growth, its sampling of household, which is used to calculate the unemployment rate, showed that only 41,000 more people had a job last month while the labour force grew by 212,000.

Economists tend to place more faith in the business survey, as do the financial markets. Traders in New York immediately interpreted the large increase in payroll jobs as pointing to higher interest rates and responded by buying dollars and selling bonds.

Services

Of the total increase in jobs last month, 201,000 were in services, including 80,000 in retail trade and 25,000 in wholesale trade.

Manufacturers, who are enjoying booming sales abroad, thanks to the cheaper dollar,

hired 70,000 new workers in July, suggesting that exports are still rising rapidly and that the US trade accounts will continue to improve.

The rise in the unemployment rate meant that 6.63 million Americans were out of work in July out of a labour force of 121.68 million.

Jobless

Another measure of unemployment, which takes into account military personnel as well as civilians, rose to 5.4 per cent in July from 5.2 per cent in June.

Among adult men, the jobless rate last month fell to 4.5 per cent from 4.6 per cent, among adult women it rose to 5.1 per cent from 4.9 per cent. The teenage unemployment rate rose to 15.2 per cent from 13.6 per cent.

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Saudi bank to distribute more deposits to public

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Aug 5, (AP): Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corp., the money-changer recently turned full service bank in Saudi Arabia, will soon begin distributing to investors the excess 2.1 billion riyals (\$360 million). The amount was held on deposit since Al Rajhi's oversubscribed public offering last May, its first after the transformation into the oil-rich kingdom's 12th commercial bank. The 322.5-million-riyal (\$586-million) flotation was oversubscribed by 7.6 times, resulting in deposits of approximately 2.5 billion riyals (\$366 million). Abdul Aziz Al Dukaili, whose Consulting Centre for Finance and Investment managed the flotation, told the local press that the offering set a record for speed and amount of oversubscription. According to local press, the Ministry of Commerce has approved a distribution formula which will favour small shareholders. Those who ordered five shares will receive their entire subscription; investors requesting 10 to 15 shares will get six; those who ordered 20 to 35 will receive seven, and so on. Only 32 shares will be allocated to investors who requested the maximum 10,000 shares. However, over 90 per cent of the 456,357 investors applied for 100 shares or less, attesting to the overwhelming popularity of the offering among Saudi Arabian nationals. "Saudi people prefer to invest in their own country," said Sulaiman Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi, general manager and managing director. In an interview with the Associated Press earlier this year, the majority of the company is still owned by the four Al Rajhi brothers who founded the concern.

South African minister weighs import controls

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 5, (Reuters): South Africa may soon introduce direct import controls to avert a balance of payments crisis threatening its ability to repay foreign debts, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis said on Thursday. Du Plessis told reporters that a few indirect controls were already in place but pressure on the balance of payments current account and dwindling gold and foreign currency reserves could force Pretoria to tighten these. "It may become necessary to extend import controls," he said, adding the government would act as soon as it had firmer economic data on the widening balance of payments deficit. He said the measures could include direct curbs on some imports, tariffs to discourage others and higher surcharges on a wide range of imported goods. Stressing his reluctance to impose controls, Du Plessis acknowledged they implied that "some bureaucratic somewhere will know exactly how much of a certain item should be imported."

On Plessis and Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock, the chief advocates of free-market principles in the domestic economy, have long opposed pressure for direct import controls from leaders of the conservative Afrikaner business establishment. South Africa needs a balance of payments surplus to repay \$21 billion of foreign debt. In 1985 foreign banks cut credit lines amid anti-apartheid pressures and Pretoria has since repaid about five billion dollars.

Surging imports and static exports plagued the current account into a deficit for 410 million rand (\$168 million) in the first quarter of this year after a surplus of 6.5 billion rand (\$2.7 billion) in 1987. It was the first current account deficit in four years and forced Pretoria to dip into its gold reserves to keep up debt payments. Gold reserves dropped by one billion rand (\$410 million) to 3.9 billion (\$1.6 billion) in June. Economists at several major banks estimated the deficit widened to about one billion rand (\$410 million) in the second quarter, threatening Pretoria's ability to repay between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion in foreign debt due this year.

Unions threaten strike to protest inflation package

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 5, (Reuters): Argentina's powerful trade unions on Thursday denounced new government anti-inflation measures and threatened to call a general strike in protest. "The (anti-inflation) plan is a mess. It does not benefit the working man," said Saul Ubaldini, secretary-general of the General Labour Confederation (CGT). Ubaldini told reporters he had requested an urgent meeting with President Raul Alfonsín, who unveiled the measures on Wednesday and described them as a decisive attack on inflation that would require sacrifices from the whole nation. The reforms included a pact with industry to restrain price increases, currently running at over 20 per cent monthly, to a maximum five per cent over the next two months, a 30 per cent rise in public utility and fuel prices sharp cuts in government spending, and a 10.5 per cent devaluation of the austral. Ubaldini said workers' wages were likely to fall further behind inflation and that early retirement plans for public employees would mask hidden layoffs. Farmers also condemned the plan, saying moves to give industrial exporters a preferential exchange rate were unfair.

Economy Ministry sources said a good crop and higher export prices due to the US drought meant the farm sector was healthy and, unlike industry, did not need measures to help it. But the president of the Argentine Rural Society, Guillermo Aldehorno, told Reuters the whole weight of the plan fell on the shoulders of the farmer.

Malaysia gives incentives to expand investment

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5, (KUNA): The Malaysian government has relaxed a number of regulations to make incentives even more attractive for foreign entrepreneurs to invest in the country, it was reported here today. The report quoted Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz as saying that foreign investors will be allowed 100 per cent equity in projects catering to the domestic market. However, this will only apply if the foreign entrepreneurs cannot find suitable local partners. She said the cabinet committee on investments chaired by the Deputy Premier Ghafor Baba agreed to the relaxation for manufacturing and integrated agricultural projects. She said foreigners can hold up to 100 per cent equity in these projects for a period of five years from the date of production. However, they have to abide by three conditions: The company has to export a minimum of 20 per cent of its manufacturing output. Foreign investors must approach the Trade and Industry ministry if local partners are not available for a particular project; and for integrated projects, land matters are subject to approval from respective state governments. She said after a period of five years, the foreign equity has to be reduced in accordance with existing guidelines on foreign ownership based on quantum export. These new guidelines are valid for new projects or projects approved or licensed between October 1, 1986 and December 31, 1990, she added.

Economic reforms under review

BEIJING, Aug 5, (Reuters): China's leaders have returned to their exclusive seaside resort to try to agree how to press forward with controversial economic reforms, informed Chinese sources said on Thursday. The talks in Beidaihe were adjourned last week for Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang and other senior figures to return to Beijing for weekend Army Day celebrations. One source said the meetings would focus on agriculture, an anti-corruption drive and, above all, how to proceed with price reforms at the risk of even higher inflation. "Price reforms are a big problem. Many people are complaining and the leaders have to listen to them," the source said. A party source added that the Beidaihe meetings would also cover the Kampuchean conflict in preparation for Sino-Soviet talks later this month in Beijing. China's leaders routinely retire to the coast each summer to escape Beijing heat to set policy for the year ahead.

Confused outlook for coffee after price slump

LONDON, Aug 5, (Reuters): Prices of coffee futures have plunged but market watchers say no one should expect cheaper coffee in the shops and cafes just yet.

Speculative selling drove London futures this week to their lowest for seven years. But prices for prompt actual delivery remained more stable.

European coffee processors are therefore in no hurry to cut the retail prices, industry sources said.

"Roasters will take a good hard look at the market before they change retail prices. It's not clear how long the slump is going to last," said Neil Rosser at commodity analysts Landell Mills.

Ability

Some dealers say the price collapse as a vote of no confidence in the ability of the International Coffee Organisation, a group of 74 producing and importing nations, to stabilise the world market.

Most selling came as the ICO had trimmed export quotas for the fifth time in a year.

But London and New York futures have recovered in recent days, with London Robusta for November delivery rising to £1,000 (\$1,700) a tonne from a recent low of £880 (\$1,495).

Meanwhile better quality mild Arabica beans from central America, Colombia and Kenya are still fetching higher prices because of strong consumer demand.

Arabica supplies are limited because ICO quotas do not differentiate between them and the less-prized robustas.

And, until futures tumbled last week, it seemed likely that processors would raise shop prices for quality coffees because of the shortage of Arabica beans, analysts said.

Processors say ICO quotas give them too little mild coffee but too much robusta.

Low Robusta prices have, however, helped processors avoid retail price increases so far. Most blends use some Robusta so that manufacturers can save on Robusta what they lose by paying more for Arabica, buyers for European coffee processors said.

Interest rates may rise further to dampen inflation

Dollar renews gains, sterling eases

LONDON, Aug 5, (Reuters): The dollar rose sharply today after the United States issued figures showing brisk gains in the number of Americans finding jobs in June and July.

That suggested a still-robust economic expansion and higher wage demands, implying that interest rates may rise further to dampen inflation.

Relatively high US interest rates have been attracting money to dollar assets for more than a month and the jobs data gave it another boost, so that it closed in Europe above \$1.89 for the first time since last August 12.

Resistance

It gained more than a penny despite dollar sales by the US Federal Reserve Board which sought to brake its ascent lest an over-strong dollar crimp American exports.

At the London close the dollar was worth 1.8920 marks after 1.8785 yesterday and 1.8365 yen after 1.8297. Sterling ended lower at \$1.6955, down 1-1/2 cents.

"If the dollar breaks through resistance at 1.90 marks it will go through the roof," a dealer in Frankfurt said.

Today's US figures showed a gain of 283,000 non-farm jobs in July and revised the gain for June from 346,000 to 532,000, although the overall July unemployment rate was 5.4 per cent, up from 5.3 per cent in June.

Wall Street was not too happy about prospects of costlier money which may pinch consumer spending and business profits.

At midday in New York the Dow Jones industrial average was down 11.91 at 2,114.69 points.

Tokyo's Nikkei average earlier rose 130.72 points to a record close at 28,423.38, but brokers said the advance was due to little more than selective buying in a listless market.

Value

Gold was set in the London bullion market for the afternoon at \$432.85 an ounce, supported by inflation fears. It is a favoured haven when inflation erodes the value of other assets.

Crude oil prices in late European trading were little changed from yesterday's New York close. Typical North Sea grades were quoted around \$14.65 a barrel.

Crude began the week about a dollar above this but eased after key OPEC ministers met in Lausanne but were judged by the market not to have done much to deal with a prevailing glut.

In London, share prices held steady below the day's highs in late afternoon trading, after an adverse reaction on Wall Street to US July unemployment figures took the edge off earlier London gains.

At 1605 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 6.3 up at 1,876.0 after a high of 1,881.5 on turnover of 380.5 million shares.

Among the leaders BPB added 9p at 299, Glaxo 4p at 983 as did Reckitt and Colman at 945 with ICI 1p up at 1,060.

Speculation

Dealers said recent bid speculation surrounding Blue Circle, 2p up at 471, had rekindled interest in the building supply sector. The speculation centred on hopes of a bid from Hanson.

"It'll only take one sizeable bid to set the sector alight," said one dealer.

Analysts said speculative interest had brought attention to the sector's fundamentally low

rating. The sector has a current prospective price-earnings ratio of around eight per cent against a general market level of 10-1/2 to 11 per cent.

Realisation of the discrepancy has been sharpened by the proximity of half year results due shortly, the analysts said.

Heightened expectations of earnings growth in the building materials sector stemmed from an expansion in regional construction projects and contracts such as the channel tunnel, analysts said.

Attempt

Aside from BPB's rise, RMC gained 3p at 489, as did Rugby at 136. Tarmac added 9p at 244. Pilkington, 3p higher at 223, was the second most active stock with a turnover of 7.8 million shares.

Dealers said there had been some speculation that industrial group BTR, which failed in an attempt to take over Pilkington last year, may pass on its 3.8 per cent stake to a potential bidder.

Britain's biggest textile group Courtaulds was also active and added 9p to 363 as bid speculation intensified.

Australian businessman

Kerry Packer, who is thought to have a three to four per cent stake in the company, could be considering a bid, one analyst said.

Engineering group FKI Babcock, 3p higher at 138, topped the active list with 8.1 million shares. Dealers said the stock has lagged behind the sector recently.

Weak

Ranks Hovis McDougall remained weak, 3p lower at 452 on fears that Goodman Fielder's £1.7 billion bid for the company may be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Goodman's formal offer document has yet to be sent to RHM shareholders.

Trafalgar House ended 9p up at 319 after the company said it may sell its oil and gas interests. Trafalgar told Reuters that the interests have a book value of around £170 million.

Pearson was 7p higher at 786 ahead of its six months figures due on Monday. Brokers are looking for a rise in pre-tax profits to around £70 million from £51.2 million in the first half last year.

The FTSE 100 share index closed 6.2 up at 1,875.9.

Nigeria offshore banking should start with Africa

LAGOS, Aug 5, (OPECNA): Nigeria's venture into offshore banking activities has to start within the African region, Chris Udoh, a top bank official, has suggested.

Delivering a paper on "Problems and prospects of international banking" here on Thursday, at the 23rd annual seminar of the Nigerian Institute of Bankers, Udoh said that this was essential in order to identify business opportunities and establish investment and trade links within Africa.

He said this was also necessary because of the obvious commercial and social benefits of integrating African banking systems. He stressed the need to encourage the emergence of an "African common market" based on Africa's unique trade settlement system.

Udoh said that an integrated banking system within Africa would also help minimise hard currency pressure on African countries and keep at a manageable level Africa's hard debt burden.

Impact

He said that the current wave of deregulation and privatisation adopted by African nations must be complemented by international banking activities in order to create the required impact.

He called on African nations to use current economic transformations to integrate Africa's economies through intra-African trade.

Udoh said that for the Nigerian banking system to expand internationally, some well-defined incentive programmes had to be worked out by government.

Such incentives, he said, included the dismantling of psychological, cultural and socio-economic barriers existing between Nigeria and the rest of the world as well as the encouragement of free movement of goods, services and people, especially within Africa, through the removal of tariffs and visa barriers.

Oil prices recover slightly

LONDON, Aug 5, (Reuters): Crude oil prices drifted up by about 15 cents a barrel on world spot markets today, recovering slightly from steep falls earlier in the week, traders said.

But by the close of European business, North Sea Brent blend was still quoted more than a dollar down on the week at \$14.70 a barrel.

The fall reflected a view among traders that the five-man pricing committee of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries which met on Wednesday failed to come up with any new measures to cut crude production or raise prices.

OPEC secretary-general Subroto has agreed to try and reconcile opposing camps in OPEC with bilateral talks.

He will discuss getting Iraq to drop opposition to joining the organisation output curbs and try to get an agreement on the vexed issue of whether natural gas condensates should count as crude oil for quota purposes.

By the European close, the key US grade, West Texas Intermediate, was 15 cents firmer, while Dubai, the leading Middle East grade, had gained 20 cents to stand at \$13.00.

Mittals gearing up to consolidate their fast-track growth profile

Indian firm enters the capital market

ISPAT Profiles India Limited organised a Non-Resident Indian (NRI) investors' conference on Tuesday in connection with their public issue of 60,000 equity shares of Rs 10 each for cash at par reserved for allotment to NRIs and persons of Indian origin residing abroad on repatriation basis.

The issue opens for Non-Resident Indians today and for the Indian public on August 9. Business executives, bankers, investment experts and market analysts attended the conference. It was chaired by Rajan Nishwalia, vice chairman of Kuwait-based NRI Investors Forum.

Aspects

ISPAT Profiles vice-chairman L. Mittal made a presentation effectively featuring some of the important aspects of the firm. Vijaya Sood, manager, Grindlays Bank also addressed the gathering.

After four successful ventures in steelmaking and allied sectors, the Mittals are gearing up to consolidate their fast-track growth profile. Following the enviable record set by their four companies — PT Ispat Indo, Indonesia, Nippon Denro Ispat Limited, Ispat Alloys Limited and the latest Ispat Profiles India Limited, the new Ispat accent is

on further expansion.

Plans for investing a further Rs. 300 crores have been formed up and the Ispat ventures will now take on three new areas namely, seamless pipe manufacture, sponge iron and hot rolling mills and for the first time a petrochemical project.

Achievement

The Mittals' achievement over the last few years presents an enviable track record. With a knack of success and backed by a highly professional corporate management team, the Ispat ventures have always borne the unmistakable mark of a winner. Mittal said: "Take Ispat Indo for example — a steel complex set up in Surabaya, Indonesia, with a capacity of 390,000 tonnes of billets/blooms and 234,000 tonnes of wire rods, the unit imports raw materials from the United States and exports the finished products to countries including Japan, USA, South Korea."

PT Ispat Indo is ranked today as the largest private sector steel company with the fastest wire rod mill in Indonesia, he added. In India, the Mittals promoted Nippon Denro Ispat Limited, the first venture in the country to produce thin gauge continuous galvanising plant in technical collaboration with Nippon Denro of Japan. The plant was

commissioned and went into commercial production in less than a year's time. The company's sales are in excess of Rs. 87.40 crores per annum which is expected to increase after the company completes its on-going diversification into cold rolling mills and PVC and colour coated sheet manufacture.

Prospect

"Another Indian venture by the Mittals is Ispat Alloys Limited. Set up in collaboration with Elkem of Norway, the project is for manufacture of high tech products like silicon metal and calcium silicide. In the first year of operation the company has already notched sales of over Rs. 10 crores and paid its shareholders a maiden dividend of 10 per cent," Mittal said.

In fact, Ispat ventures have created history in the Indian corporate world after paying dividend in the very first year of their operations. Nippon Denro paid shareholders 20 per cent in the first year, while it paid a higher 22 per cent in the second year. In the current year, it has already declared an interim dividend of 12 per cent.

And now the latest Indian venture from Ispat is a Rs. 144 crore venture in collaboration with Danieli & C Spa of Italy for the manufacture of international

quality high-tech rails, H-beams, structural, special alloys and stainless steels. He said that Ispat Profiles India Limited, a company which has already gone into production at its plant in Pune district of Maharashtra, is all set to enter the capital market for part financing of its project cost. Significantly, and true to the Ispat tradition, the venture has been first commissioned before an offer is made to the public.

Mittal added: "It is a comment on IPL's commitment to investors that not only is the company making its public issue after having gone into production but after also proving its mettle. Today, the company has already bagged orders worth Rs. 40 crores from prestigious clients like the Indian Railway, MMTC and other corporations."

Unique

A strong point of the IPL project is its unique product-mix. Almost every product to roll out of the company's (Sanaswadi near Pune) plant is in short supply today. For example in case of rails, there is just one manufacturer of rails in the country — the public sector Bhilai Steel Plant, which partly meets the annual requirement of the railways. Thus, a large gap of 250,000 tonnes a year has to be met by resorting to imports.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 5, (Reuters): The market closed higher as buying enthusiasm for leading industrial stocks spread into other sectors. The All Ordinaries closed up 9.4 at 1,641.5.

TOKYO — Prices climbed to a record close on a late-afternoon rally focused on incentive-backed and selected financial shares after an otherwise listless session. The Nikkei index rose 130.72 to 28,423.38.

HONG KONG — Prices recouped most earlier losses after finding firm buying support at lower levels. The Hang Seng index fell 6.20 to 2,671.17.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed generally higher in late buying interest spurred by the rise on the Tokyo market. The Straits Times industrial index rose 6.49 to 1,172.05, a new high for the year.

BOMBAY — Share prices shed initial lethargy and recovered sharply in brisk trading for the new account. Tata Steel gained 1.25 rupees to 821.25 and Associated Cement three to 250.

FRANKFURT — Prices climbed markedly across the board to finish just off the day's highs. Operators were encouraged by a spate of optimistic profit forecasts and an improved climate on the bond market. The Dax index rose 13.66 to 1,197.38.

ZURICH — Prices closed higher in increasing turnover despite some profit-taking in special situations. The Swiss index rose 7.8 to 908.6.

PARIS — Prices ended easier in quiet trading but off their lows. LONDON — Prices held steady below the day's highs in late-afternoon trading, after an adverse reaction on Wall Street to US July unemployment figures took the edge off earlier London gains. At 1605 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 6.3 at 1,876.0.

NEW YORK — Stocks continued lower in late-morning trading, showing little change from early levels depressed by the jobs data. The Dow was down nine at 2,117.

Egypt and IMF to thrash out new economic accord

CAIRO, Aug 5, (Reuters): An International Monetary Fund (IMF) team was due in Cairo yesterday to try to settle differences over crucial economic reforms that would reduce pressure from Egypt's creditors.

The team, led by IMF Middle East director Abdel-Shakour Shaalan, was expected to meet Prime Minister Atef Sedki and Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Youssef Mustafa during a week-long visit.

Egyptian officials, squeezed between the demands of the poor and pressure from Western creditors, say they agree in principle with IMF ideas but differ over the pace of reform.

President Hosni Mubarak told senior advisers at a meeting on Wednesday that Egypt remained committed to gradual economic change "according to what society can bear."

Needs

Egypt needs to renew an IMF accord, signed in May last year but now considered defunct, to further reschedule payments on its \$43-billion foreign debt.

The 1987 pact led to Paris Club rescheduling for debt payments due between January 1987 and June 1988. One lender, Japan, has still not agreed with Egypt on rescheduling terms for that period.

Most payments falling due from July 1 have not been made. But IMF blessing for a reform package would allow Egypt to return to the Paris Club to reschedule debts retroactively, Western diplomats said.

The IMF wants Egypt to reduce its budget deficit, raise interest rates on deposits and unify the exchange rate.

Diplomats said the fund was disappointed that Egypt did not follow through on a previous commitment to reduce its deficit by two per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) annually.

The deficit was unchanged last year, at around 17 per cent of GDP totalling about £43 billion (\$19 billion), one source said.

For Egyptian politicians, deficit cuts too often mean reductions in consumer subsidies, which they say threaten stability if imposed too quickly.

Subsidies

Mubarak has told Egyptians he cannot keep all subsidies at current levels because world market prices are rising for goods such as wheat, cooking oil, sugar and rice.

He has scolded people for wasting bread, which he said cost the government £3 billion (\$1.3 billion) annually and was often fed to animals.

Diplomats said the current drought in the United States could cost Egypt dearly because of increased world food prices.

But the memory of riots in 1977, after prices of basic foods were raised suddenly, makes policymakers very cautious about subsidy changes.

"I think the IMF understands completely now the Egyptian point of view," Mubarak said in a July interview. "We told them very clearly what it means if you

take reform steps beyond Egypt's ability and beyond the tolerance of Egyptians."

Egypt has resisted IMF requests to abolish an artificially low exchange rate used for imports of basic goods, which represents a heavy hidden subsidy.

The IMF wants Egypt to bring the rate, 0.70 Egyptian pounds to the dollar, up to the commercial level of about £2.30.

The IMF and World Bank would both welcome higher electricity prices, estimated at between 25 and 40 per cent of world levels.

On the interest rate issue, Cairo papers have reported a government plan, still under study, to raise rates on savings accounts by two to three per cent from current levels, which range up to 13 per cent.

Rates

The IMF would like to see interest rates more in line with inflation, running at about 30 per cent, in order to attract more local savings. Egyptians keep billions of dollars in foreign banks.

Diplomats said the fund would support a plan for gradual interest rate increases.

A Western diplomat who watches the economic situation closely said he did not expect an agreement after this round of talks.

"There may be a breakthrough of some sort, but I'd be very surprised if this round alone leads to any major, far-reaching conclusions," he said.

Sudanese official hints at devaluation

KHARTOUM, Aug 5, (Reuters): A senior Sudanese official hinted strongly today at a devaluation of the currency, saying priority should be given to setting a more realistic exchange rate for the Sudanese pound.

"The determination of a realistic exchange rate for the Sudanese pound is the most important task ahead," Minister of State for Finance Al Tigrani Al Tayeb Ibrahim told the official Sudan News Agency SUNA.

Ibrahim returned earlier this week from Washington where he had more than three weeks of talks with International Monetary Fund (IMF) officials seeking a lower pound.

Reforms

The pound has been officially fixed at \$4.50 since October last year, when Sudan devalued by 44 per cent as part of an agreement with the IMF on economic reforms which also included petrol and sugar price rises.

The measures, as similar reforms had done in the past, sparked street protests in which several people were killed. But foreign bankers and economists say Sudan has no choice but to devalue the pound further.

They predict the government will decree a small devaluation before the end of the year, if only

to maintain the goodwill of the IMF, to which it is \$1 billion in arrears, and donor countries.

The IMF, which declared Sudan ineligible for fresh credits in 1986, wants Khartoum to devalue and cut spending. In return, it would give donors the go-ahead to help to finance a four-year economic recovery plan.

Talks in Khartoum between the two sides broke down in June when Sudan refused to devalue, but Ibrahim said the issue needed further study and a new round of negotiations was expected in September.

Local press reports have said Sudan is prepared to devalue by two pounds to 6.50 to the dollar but the IMF wants a massive readjustment to bring the official exchange rate close to the black market rate.

Remittances

The pound has traded on the illegal, though generally tolerated, black market at about 10 pounds to the dollar over the past year.

The market attracts most of the foreign currency remittances of the estimated one million Sudanese working abroad, who shun the lower rate offered by banks.

Foreign currency changing hands on the black market is also used to finance private sector imports under what is locally termed "their own resources system."

Bankers said the introduction of the system late last year amounted to an official endorsement of the black market rate, on which importers depend for their foreign currency.

Expansion Ibrahim said the government would encourage the expansion of the system. Private importers would be given a greater role and the government wanted them to expand operations to include most essential imports.

Western diplomats in Khartoum said Sudan was also under IMF pressure to reduce spending which they said was largely covered through massive borrowing from the Bank of Sudan, the central bank.

This had helped to drive up the inflation rate, which the diplomats put at nearly 100 per cent, more than twice the official estimate.

Finance Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem said the government borrowed 1.6 billion pounds (\$355 million) from the Bank of Sudan during the fiscal year which ended on June 30.

Italy's top woman business executive dies

ROME, Aug 5, (AP): Marisa Bellisario, who became Italy's best-known woman business executive when she rescued the giant Italtel telecommunications company from the brink of collapse, died on Thursday, a company spokeswoman said.

Ms Bellisario died at her home in Turin of cancer, said Italtel spokeswoman Laura Sipala. She said Bellisario was in her early 50s but that she did not know her birthday.

"It was a total shock, she was working up until a few days ago," said another spokeswoman, Giovanna Guzzetti.

Ms Bellisario was appointed managing director and chief executive officer of the state-owned Italtel group in 1981. When she took over, losses were piling up by more than 269 billion lire (\$215 million) a year.

Priorities

One of her first priorities was to trim the payroll of the company that like many of Italy's state-owned companies was saddled with a bloated staff. In three years she cut the work force from 29,000 to 21,000, replacing nearly half the management and shifting the emphasis of the products from mechanical to electronic.

She cut the company's losses in half in 1982 and then returned it to profitability, where it has remained under her direction.

Ms Bellisario became embroiled in controversy last year when a plan to set up a joint venture between Italtel and Telettra, Fiat's telecommunications subsidiary, fell through in a dispute over who should run the new company. Fiat opposed Ms. Bellisario, who enjoyed the support of Socialist leader Bettino Craxi.

Deal

Fiat pulled out of the deal because of what it claimed was political interference.

Ms. Bellisario, who wrote her own life story in the book "Woman and top manager," has been described in Italy as a role

model for women, who she frequently said were Italy's "great untapped resource."

"For a woman, achieving success is more difficult, but much more entertaining," she often said.

Italtel is expected to announce in the next few days an important alliance with a foreign telecommunications company. Although Italtel has declined to comment on its choice, newspaper reports have speculated that the US-based American Telephone and Telegraph was the most favoured candidate.

Ms Bellisario led the negotiations with AT-and-T and the other three candidates, Siemens of West Germany, Ericsson of Sweden and Alcatel of France.

As chief executive, Ms Bellisario frequently worked 12-hour days and shuttled between Milan, Rome and other European capitals. But she refused to work on weekends, which she spent at home with her husband, mathematics professor Lionello Cantoni.

"Maybe I can show young girls that you can make it and still be a normal woman, with normal attitudes toward your family or husband," she once said.

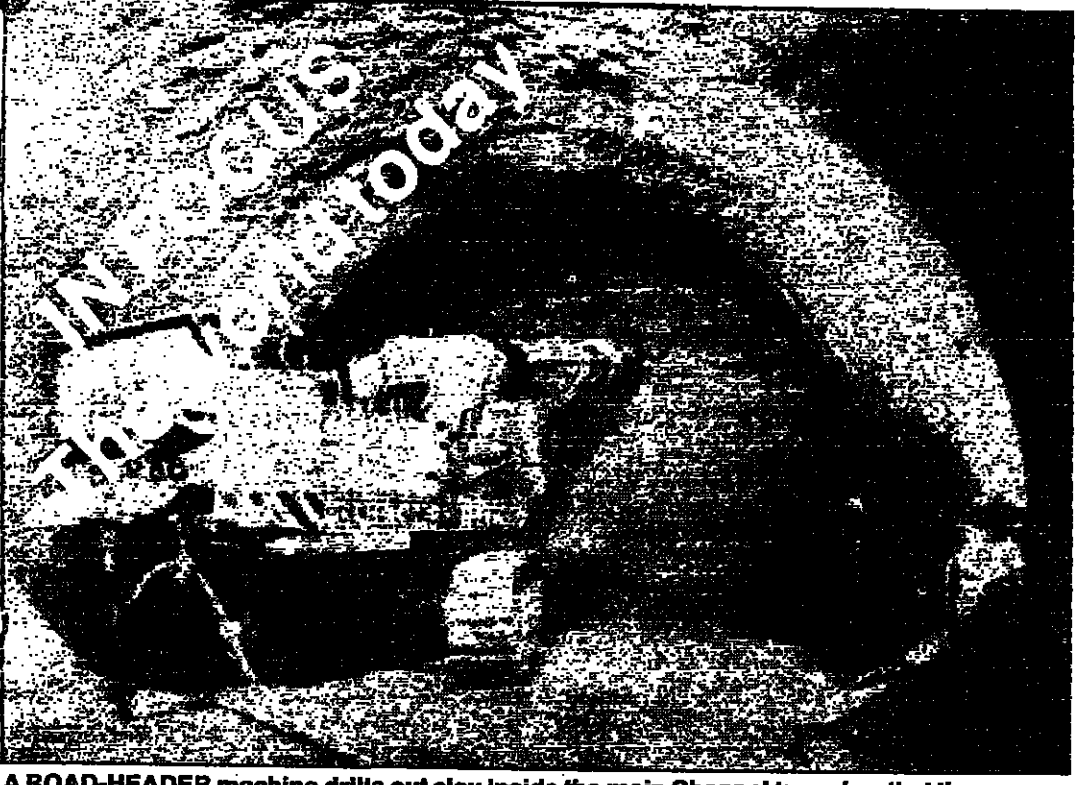
She said she and her husband decided not to have children. "For me it is really important to be free and flexible, something I could not be as a responsible mother."

Prior to joining Italtel, Ms Bellisario was president and chief executive officer of Olivetti Corporation of America.

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A ROAD-HEADER machine drills out clay inside the main Channel tunnel so that the main boring machine can later move in to drill one of the three Euro-tunnels between Britain and France. (Reuter wirephoto)



A LITTLE victim of adulterated cooking oil lies on a hospital bed in Calcutta while his sister keeps vigil. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SEA lion lies on some rocks on the Pacific Ocean side of the Panama Canal. According to the Smithsonian Institute of Tropical Investigations, the animal, which is suffering from the high Panamanian temperatures, could have been originally from the Galapagos Islands near Ecuador. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Queen Mother waves to well-wishers on Thursday, her 88th birthday, at the entrance to Clarence House in London. With her are (left to right), Queen Elizabeth, Viscount Linley, Princess Diana and Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PALESTINIAN woman from the West Bank town of Jericho, holds up her Jordanian passport as she and her infant daughter wait in a bus for clearance after crossing the Allenby Bridge from Jordan. (Reuter wirephoto)



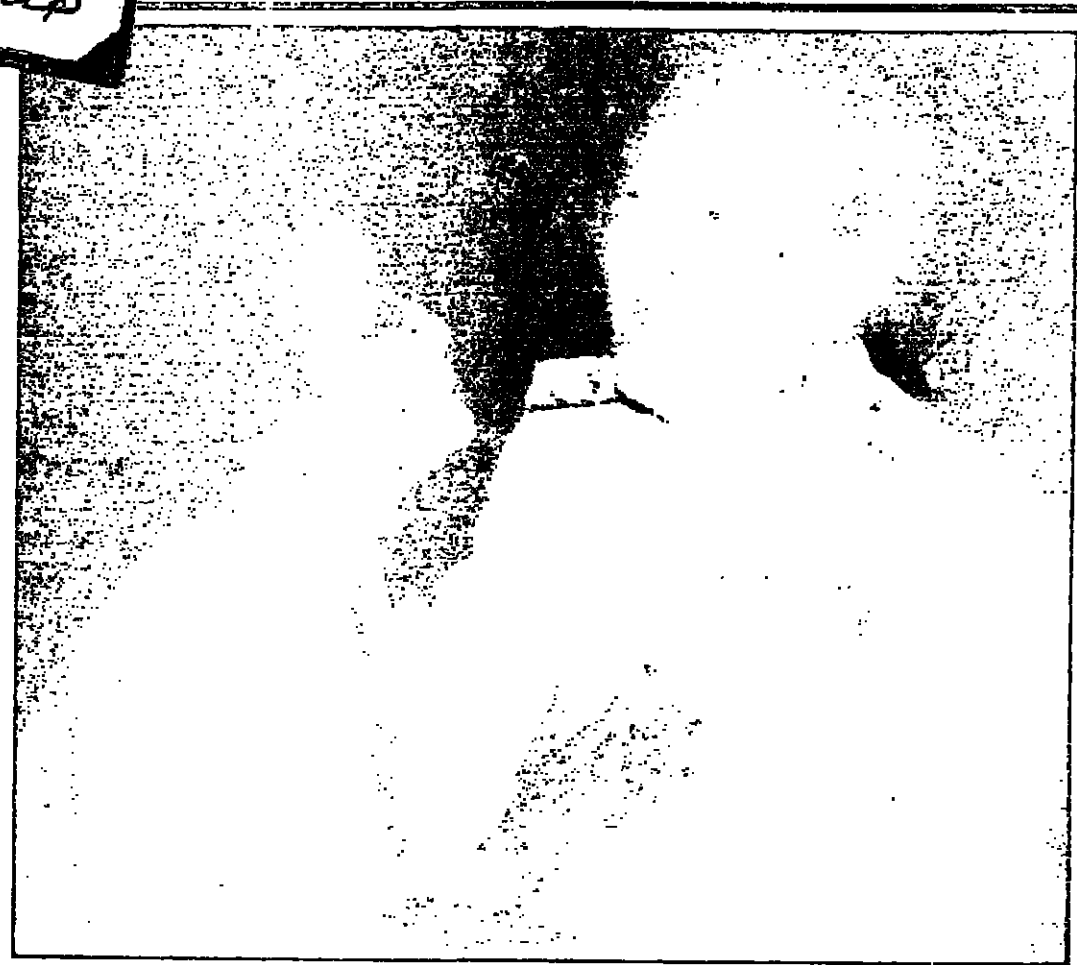
A THREE-YEAR-OLD Filipino seems to be telling where his sentiments lie during a rally by an anti-nuclear group in front of the US embassy in Manila. The group demanded removal of American military bases from Philippines. (Reuter wirephoto)



A FIREMAN sprays with water one of seven bush and forest fires raging on the Mediterranean coast in Montroig, Spain. Four thousand people were evacuated from nearby areas before firemen managed to control the fire. (Reuter wirephoto)



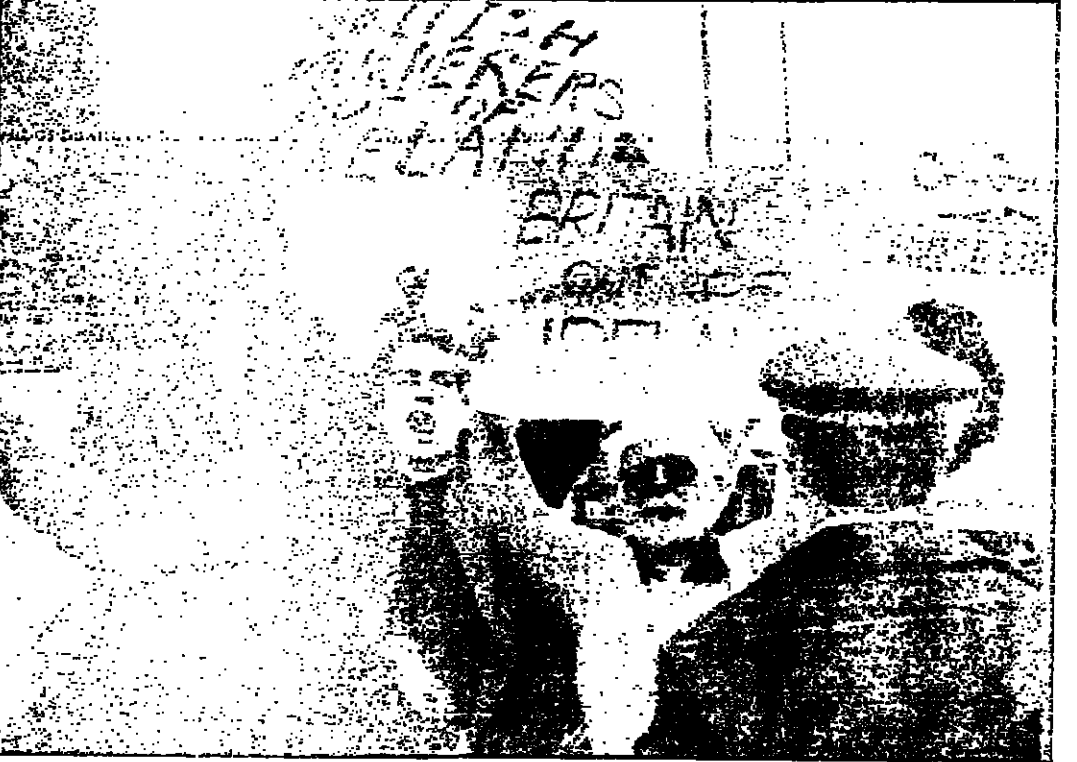
MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC, makers of Panasonic brand home appliances, yesterday launched their new portable video camera which can be attached to a headband and only weighs 60 grams. The camera and the recorder-player, which come with built-in TV set, will be marketed in October. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHATICHAI CHOOMHAVAN, 66, is hugged by his wife Boonruen after being appointed Thai prime minister on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



US Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci (left) met Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal after his arrival in Ankara on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMONSTRATORS protesting against Britain's involvement in Northern Ireland, wave placards and chant slogans during a visit by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to a harbourside entertainment development at Sydney's Darling Harbour. (Reuter wirephoto)



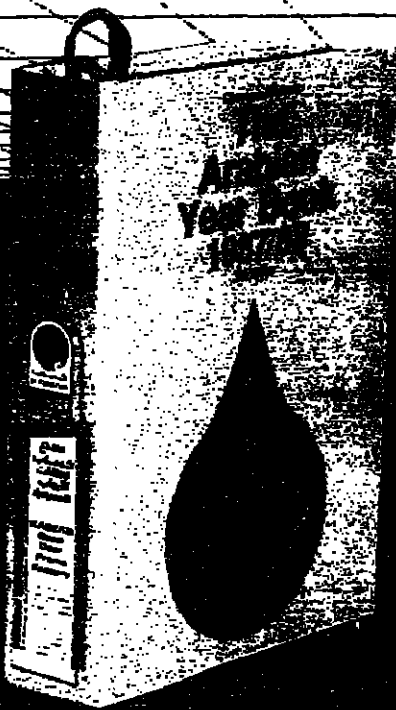
BALBIR SINGH (right), one of the three people convicted in the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984, leaves Delhi's Tihar jail as a free man after the Indian Supreme Court overturned the ruling in appeal. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Seguso's aces stun Connors



McEnroe: overcame Frawley

Lendl scores easy win over Agassi

INGLEWOOD, California, Aug. 5 (AP) — Ivan Lendl defeated Andre Agassi 7-6, 6-2 last night in the first session of the Michel Challenge series at the Forum.

Agassi broke Lendl in the third game of the first set to go up 2-1, then Lendl broke back for a 2-2 tie. Both players held serve to force a tiebreaker, which Lendl won, 8-6.

Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, dominated the second set, with Agassi winning only the first and third games.

Lendl had six aces, including four in the second set.

The match, played before a crowd of 10,589 fans, took one hour, 23 minutes.

The round-robin competition will continue in November.

"We played some good tennis tonight," Lendl said. "We hit some hard shots. You have to be careful you don't outslug him."

"It is important for me to play a lot of matches for my movement," Lendl added. "I won because I'm older than him."

Lendl is 28 and Agassi is 18. Agassi, who has jumped from No. 25 to No. 4 in the world since the start of the year, won the Volvo International on Sunday, beating Paul Annacone in straight sets.

In another match, Michael Chang beat Leif Shiras 7-6, 7-6. Both sets went to tiebreakers, with Chang prevailing 8-6 and 7-3.

Granted

On Wednesday, Lendl was granted a wild card entry to the Player's International tennis tournament, tournament director John Beddington announced.

Lendl, the three-time French Open and three-time US Open champion ranked No. 1 in the world, will be seeking his fifth victory in the Aug. 8-14 Canadian Super Series event on artificial courts at the National Tennis Centre in Toronto.

Meanwhile Agassi yesterday denied rumours that he will join the US tennis team competing in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul.

Agassi issued a statement through his management firm, Cleveland-based International Management Group, disputing reports that he might replace Brad Gilbert or Tim Mayotte on the US team.

"I started 1988 ranked 25th in the world," Agassi said. "So when the team was picked in January, I really didn't deserve consideration, at least not when Brad Gilbert or Tim Mayotte, who was ranked ninth, were available."

Durie opts out of British team

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 5 (Reuters) — Joe Durie, Britain's number one woman tennis player, on Wednesday said she will not compete in the Olympics next month because of her extremely busy schedule.

"I shall be playing for seven weeks up to the US Open and would have to leave for Seoul immediately afterwards, and then return to Europe for the indoor tournaments," said Durie, the eighth seed at the \$100,000 tournament here.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 5 (UPI) — Robert Seguso stunned second-seeded Jimmy Connors, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), in a marathon match yesterday that highlighted a series of upsets at the US Men's Hardcourt Tennis Championships.

Third-seeded Brad Gilbert, sixth-seeded Aaron Krickstein and eighth-seeded Peter Lundgren also were eliminated in third-round play at the Indianapolis Sports Centre.

Top-seeded Boris Becker breezed to a 6-3, 6-4 triumph last night over Rick Leach. John McEnroe, the No. 4 seed, struggled to defeat 11th-seed John Frawley, 6-7 (8-6), (6-2) 6-3, in the night's final match.

Smashed

Seguso served 13 of his 24 aces in the first set of the match and won the sixth game of the set by serving four aces. The 15th seed smashed a backhand winner in the final point of the third-set tiebreaker to end the match, which lasted 2 hours and 36 minutes.

"I came up with big serves on the big points," Seguso said. "That was the key to the match for me."

Connors, a five-time US Open champion and winner of a record 106 tournaments, said Seguso's serve grew stronger as the match progressed.

"I was just out there. I don't know what happened," said

Connors. "He just kind of bounced some balls in when it counted. Hard, harder, harder. That's the way his serve went. I had chances. He just kept blowing the ball by me. What do you do?"

With the final tiebreaker tied 3-3, Connors hit two returns from the backcourt into the net, then sent a deep volley beyond the baseline to give Seguso three match points. Connors, who turns 36 next month, hit a service winner and a winner from the net to pull within 6-5 before Seguso's deciding point.

"I think he was feeling the pressure more than I was," Seguso said. "He missed some crucial points."

Seguso's only other victory over Connors in six previous matches came in the first round of the 1986 Wimbledon championships. In their most recent meeting before the Hardcourts, Seguso pushed Connors before succumbing 3-6, 7-6, 10-8 at the Queen's tournament in London earlier this year.

Jim Pugh, the 13th seed, defeated Gilbert 6-0, 6-4, hitting a crosscourt winner on match point to advance into the quarterfinals against Todd Witsken, a resident of nearby Carmel, Ind. Witsken eliminated Krickstein 6-2, 6-2.

"He started off pretty slow and I started off pretty well. I was on fire," Pugh said. "I hit a lot of hard returns and I think that

shocked him."

Gilbert rallied to save a service break early in the second set and played progressively better afterwards. But the surge was too late to overcome Pugh, a two-handed volleyer, who defeated Gilbert last November in their only prior meeting.

"He started playing better in the second set and I lost confidence," Pugh said. "I started out relaxed in the second set so it seemed he played a lot better in the second. That made it tougher. I just kept the balls in as well as I could and kept the returns down."

Senegal's Yahiya Doumbia defeated Lundgren 6-4, 6-4 in the day's other surprise, earning a quarterfinal meeting with Becker. Derrick Rostagno, the 10th seed, eliminated John Ross 6-4, 7-5 to earn a quarterfinal berth against Seguso. Michael Robertson advanced by defeating Mark Dickson 6-4, 6-4.

Becker said he played much better than in his initial match on Tuesday night.

"I was very solid and returned service much better," he said. "Leach had to put a lot of first serves in to win any points."

McEnroe, formerly the world's number one player, said he should not have lost the first set.

"I got careless at times and it cost me. He (Frawley) played a good, steady match," he said.

Lewis hopes to make Olympic history

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 5 (Reuters) — The embryonic career as a pop singer is temporarily on hold.

Quadruple Olympic champion Carl Lewis is concentrating on what he does best — running and jumping.

"Just to win an Olympic gold medal is an unbelievable achievement," Lewis told Reuters recently. "To go back and double when no one has ever done it in all these years is something even more — it shows the ability to come back and persevere through everything."

In the 100 metres, 200 metres, the long jump and anchoring the 4x100 metres relay team, the best in the United States wants to be the best in the world once more.

Best

"Everyone says sprinters are washed up at 23," Lewis told Reuters. "I've run my best times at 26 and I think I can run even better at 27."

And, despite the difficulties of the last 15 months, he believes he can be the first to win gold medals at either 100 metres, 200 metres or the long jump for the second time.

Lewis' father's death from cancer in May 1987 affected him emotionally and his loss to Canadian Ben Johnson in the 100 metres final at the World Championships last August severed

any claim the American might have had to being the world's fastest sprinter.

Lewis struck gold twice in Rome with a solid long jump victory and by anchoring the US 4x100 metres relay team. But it was Johnson's world record of 9.83 seconds in the 100 metres which stole the show.

"Carl just blanked out at the start," Tom Tellez, Lewis' long-time trainer, told Reuters. "He let Ben Johnson dictate the race from the beginning."

"I don't know if he (Johnson) will ever run another race like it. He ran a great one. Carl has to yet run a great race but he's capable of it."

Lewis gave a sample of what he could do at the US Olympic trials where, assisted by a following wind of 5.2 metres a second, he clocked 9.78 seconds for the 100 metres.

The time was not a world record because the wind was well above the permitted maximum of 2.0 metres a second.

But Lewis believes the run was highly significant.

Just as Johnson's world record of 9.83 seconds had shown runners they could dip under the 9.90 barrier, he said, this race demonstrated man could run faster than 9.80 seconds.

A few days later Lewis showed he would be the man to beat in his

favourite event — the long jump — by leaping a wind-assisted 8.59 metres in driving rain. He jumped 8.76 metres, the fifth longest ever, when the rain stopped.

He was not as successful in the 200 metres, losing to training partner Joe DeLoach, but promised: "I'll be better when it counts."

Although Lewis must await the outcome of moves to get more than the scheduled one hour between the second round of the 200 metres and the long jump final on September 26 before announcing his plans, friends say he will run the 200 in Seoul.

His singing career, which has had limited success, has taken second place while Lewis concentrates on both the Olympics and improving his image.

Arrogant

Lewis lost millions of dollars in potential endorsements after the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics because he came across as aloof and arrogant.

An overflowing coliseum crowd, looking for an attack on Bob Beamon's long-standing world record, booed Lewis for failing to take more than two of his allotted six jumps in the long jump final. The media chastised him for not talking to them between rounds of competition and for arriving more than an hour

late for a news conference.

At the trials last month, however, Lewis was early for his pre-competition news conference and stayed to answer all the questions. After making the US team in three events, he twice visited the press box to watch as his sister Carol earned a trip to Seoul in the women's long jump.

"I know he comes off as being aloof but it's not that," said an associate in Houston, where Lewis lives and trains. "He's just very protective of himself and not real outgoing."

He does joke frequently with athletes at the University of Houston, where he is a part-time athletics coach, and is very close to his track and field colleagues, a friend said.

His mother, the former Evelyn Lawler, was a hurdler on the US team for the 1951 Pan American Games and an older brother, Cleve, was an outstanding college soccer player.

Lewis' Olympic 100 metres gold medal is buried with his father, who coached him as a youth.

But Lewis, who has trained more and competed less this year, is ready to win a replacement medal.

"I'm in the best shape I've ever been in," he said. "Ben will have to run a perfect race to beat me again. I don't think he can."

Moses holds off Dia Ba for victory

LA CORUNNA, Spain, Aug. 5 (Reuters) — Olympic and world champion Edwin Moses of the United States held off Senegal's Anadou Dia Ba to win the 400 metres hurdles at an international athletics meeting yesterday.

Moses, who will be trying for his third Olympic title in Seoul, was racing for the first time in Europe this year.

The 32-year-old world record holder led from the start to clock 49.23 seconds.

Dia Ba was second in 49.26 with American Nat Page third in 49.51.

Coe to run 1,500 metres at trials

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 5 (Reuters) — Olympic 1,500 metres champion Sebastian Coe will try to qualify for the British team for Seoul over that distance at the Olympic trials on Sunday, and will hope for a discretionary selection for the 800 metres.

Coe, who has won the 1,500 metres gold medal at the last two Olympics, had kept the athletics world guessing about which distance he would attempt to qualify for outright.

With only the top two in each event gaining automatic selection, the 31-year-old Coe would have risked not being given the chance to defend his title in Seoul

if he had not run the 1,500 at the weekend trials.

Steve Cram had already opted to run only the 800 metres in the trials, hoping his victory in the Oslo "Dream Mile" this year would gain him the third spot for the 1,500 metres.

Selectors

If Coe had elected to run the two-lap event, the heats of which were being staged this evening, he risked forfeiting his chance of an unprecedented third Olympic 1,500 metres crown.

But if he qualifies by finishing in the first two in the 1,500 metres final on Sunday night, the selec-

tors could also give him the discretionary place in the 800 metres.

Coe was unhappy the selectors had put pressure on him to "prove himself" in the 1,500. He said last weekend that if he did run that distance at the trials, it would be under protest.

The field here includes world 800 metres silver medalist Peter Elliott, world number three Steve Cram and the talented Adrian Passey.

Coe's old rival, Steve Ovett, will also be in the field and it will be the first time they have met since the 1984 Olympic 1,500 metres final.

Leonard returns for chance at fifth title

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (Reuters) — Sugar Ray Leonard said he was returning to the ring for good as he ended his latest period of retirement yesterday for a chance to become the first boxer to win titles in five different weight divisions.

Leonard will fight for the World Boxing Council's (WBC) newly created super middleweight title this autumn against Donny "Golden Boy" Lalonde of Canada. Lalonde's WBC light heavyweight title will also be at stake.

Retire

"I've tried to retire — it didn't work. I'm back," Leonard said at a press conference. "No, I'm never going to retire — I'll say it officially now — I'm never going to retire."

"Sugar Ray's going to be around for a long time."

Neither the sight nor the date of the match has yet been set, fuelling speculation that the timing of the bout may have to do with a race to see whether Leonard or Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns becomes boxing's first five-division champion.

On Wednesday it was announced that Hearns would seek his fifth title against World Boxing Association (WBA) super middleweight champion Fulgencio Obelmejias of Venezuela at the end of October in Las Vegas.

But Leonard said he was not concerned about who was first to win a fifth title.

"It's not a matter of a race," said Leonard, 32. "If he (Hearns) gets it first, fine. If not, fine too. It doesn't matter to me."

"Right now, I'm thinking about one thing, and that's Donny Lalonde."

However, Leonard also said: "This is an opportunity to make history, although I've said in the past that history is not on my agenda."

The contract for the Leonard-Lalonde bout is for late October or early November. Offers to stage the bout have come in from Japan, China, New York City, Atlantic City and Las Vegas, according to Mike Trainer, Leonard's manager.

Leonard has not fought since announcing his third retirement following an upset win over Marvellous Marvin Hagler in April 1987 that brought him the middleweight championship.



Leonard (left) talks to Lalonde at a press conference.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Leonard had previously held the welterweight and junior middleweight crowns.

The little-known Lalonde told Leonard he must be crazy to think he could beat a light heavy-



● Two-time Olympic gold medalist Katarina Witt (centre) from East Germany, her coach Jutta Mueller (left) and Skee Goodhart, president of the Holiday on Ice revue having a chat during a news conference in Munich on Thursday. Witt talked about her professional skating career in the West. (Reuters wirephoto)

Italian meet attracts top athletes

SESTRIERE, Italy, Aug. 5 (Reuters) — Top sprint rivals Ben Johnson of Canada and Carl Lewis of the United States will both run at a new high-altitude track meeting on August 11, but in different races, organisers said.

World 100 metres record holder Johnson, who is returning to competition this weekend at the Canadian trials after three months out through injury, will take on American Joe DeLoach in the 100 metres, while quadruple Olympic champion Lewis will run in the 200 metres.

Johnson, who set the 9.83-second record in the Rome World Championships last September, says he is now fully fit after the muscle injury and running faster than he did last year.

Lewis ran a wind-assisted 9.78 seconds in the 100 metres during the US Olympic trials last month and has clocked 19.99 in the 200 this season.

The new track, more than 2,000 metres above sea level at the modern Italian ski resort of Sestriere on the French border, has also attracted American 400 metre specialists Danny Everett and Steve Lewis.

Cruz strides to victory in 1,000 metres

VIA REGGIO, Italy, Aug. 5 (Reuters) — Brazilian Joaquim Cruz cruised to victory in the men's 1,000 metres at an international athletics meeting in this Italian seaside resort on Wednesday.

Cruz, the Olympic 800 metres champion, strode to the front of the field at the bell and ran out an easy winner in two minutes 17.85 seconds.

Alessandro Lambroschini was second in 2:18.13 after staging a late spurt in a vain bid for a new Italian record.

Injury

It was the sixth race this season for the Brazilian, who missed most of the 1986 season because of injury and was kept out of last year's World Championships by illness.

In the women's 100 metres, US Olympic champion Evelyn Ashford had an equally easy win in 11.23 seconds.

Ashford, who lost her world record for the distance at this month's US Olympic trials, was never seriously challenged and finished more than three tenths of a second ahead of second-placed compatriot Diane Williams.

Tigers end Red Sox' 7-game winning streak

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (AP) — Alan Trammell drove in five runs with a pair of doubles as the Detroit Tigers ended the Boston Red Sox' seven-game winning streak last night with an 11-6 victory and regained sole possession of first place in the East.

It was only the second loss for the Red Sox under manager Joe Morgan, who is 19-2 since taking over from the fired John McNamara on July 14. Both defeats have come on the road.

"The streak don't mean a thing," Morgan said. "Why should the players worry about the streak. They're happy as a pig's rump."

Boston starter Roger Clemens, 15-6, who had been 10-0 on the road this season, lasted only 5 1-3 innings, giving up seven runs on nine hits. It was only the second time in 25 starts that Clemens had not pitched into the seventh inning.

In Toronto, Minnesota's Allan Anderson pitched a four-hitter and Kirby Puckett hit his 15th home run as the Twins surpassed their road victory for all of last year, 2-1 over the Blue Jays. Minnesota was 29-52 on the road in 1987, when they won the World Series. The Twins are 30-25 on the road this year.

Baltimore's Dave Schmidt, making his first start since last August, allowed three hits in 6 1-3 innings in a 5-0 Orioles victory over Cleveland. The Orioles swept the Indians in the three-game series, their first sweep since Aug. 18-20 last year, when

they took three from the Angels in Anaheim.

Oakland's Dave Stewart pitched the first one-hitter of his career, retiring 16 consecutive Mariners at one point, and the Athletics beat Seattle 2-0.

Stewart, 14-10, retired 10 straight after Jay Buhner opened the third inning with a line-drive single to centre field. He walked Scott Bradley with one out in the eighth. The A's right-hander struck out seven and walked one in his first shutout of the year.

The complete game was Stewart's fifth straight and 12th of the season, giving him the Major League lead in that category. He was coming off a four-hit, 5-2 victory over the Mariners last weekend. Stewart, who lost four in a row before that win, had never done better than a four-hitter before last night.

The New York Yankees game against the Brewers in Milwaukee was postponed because of rain.

John Dopson allowed four hits over seven innings, and Rex Hudler hit his second major-league home run last night to boost Montreal past the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2.

Results	
American League	
Minnesota	2 Toronto
Baltimore	5 Cleveland
Detroit	11 Boston
Oakland	2 Seattle
Pitt-New York	4 Milwaukee
National League	
Chicago	4 New York
St Louis	9 Philadelphia
Montreal	3 Pittsburgh



● Soviet gymnast Maria Lovach goes through her paces at the Friendship Gymnastics meeting between South Korea and the Soviet Union at Seoul's Olympic gymnastic hall yesterday. This competition is a trial run for the Olympic event. (Reuters wirephoto)

King Gardner hopes to put disappointment behind him

DONINGTON PARK, England, Aug. 5 (Reuters) — Australian

motorcycling king Wayne Gardner, so furious after the French Grand Prix he denied his petrol tank with his fist, hopes to put "the most disappointing moment of my career," behind him on Sunday.

Gardner cannot afford another disaster in the British Grand Prix here if he is to retain the world 500cc championship.

Leading at the start of the final lap of the French race two weeks ago, Gardner's Honda suffered a broken piston with 800 metres to go.

Yamaha riders Eddie Lawson of the United States, the world championship leader, and Frenchman Christian Sarron and American Kevin Schwantz on a Suzuki all sped by him before the finish.

Gardner said he had ridden "what I considered the perfect race up until that awful moment when I realised all was not well with the bike."

It meant that the Australian title-holder, having halved Lawson's one-time 40-point lead with three wins in a row, fell back to 27 points behind the championship leader after 11 of the 17 races.

Gardner admits Lawson will be hard to catch. "I will just keep on trying to win all the races although Eddie knows that second places will be enough to

give him the championship."

Lawson's win in France was his fifth of the season. It was also a courageous ride after he dislocated a shoulder a week before in Yugoslavia. "It was so sore I thought I was going to fall off," he said.

American riders have won four of the last five British 500cc races. Kenny Roberts, Randy Mamola and Freddie Spencer were first between 1983 and 1985 and Lawson won last year when the race switched to Donington from Silverstone.

Gardner's 1986 triumph interrupted the United States' winning sequence.

Gardner shattered the Donington Park lap record in today's first timed practice.

The Australian world champion took an obvious liking to the re-surfaced track to power his Honda around the 4.02-km circuit in one minute 35.09 seconds — an average speed of 152.30 kph.

It beat the previous best lap set by Japanese rider Tadahiko Taira a year ago by a staggering 4.28 seconds.

In all 14 riders improved the old record, but it was Gardner who took provisional pole position after the first of four timed qualifying sessions. Lawson was only sixth fastest, more than two seconds slower on his Yamaha.

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Pakistan overcome India

GWALIOR, India, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Full back Qazi Mohib struck two goals as Olympic hockey champions Pakistan beat India 2-1 today to win their first game in three matches of a friendly series between the perennial rivals.

The Pakistani victory ended a run of four consecutive defeats by India who took the first two games of the six-match series, a warm-up event for the Seoul Olympics next month.

Pakistan, who now trail 2-1 in the series, have the advantage of playing at home in the last three games of the event.

Mohib silenced the 12,000 Indian crowd in the eighth minute, when he drove a fierce shot into the roof of the net, which took a deflection off a defender's stick.

He then stretched the Pakistani lead in the 42nd minute with an ankle-high shot from a penalty corner.

Comfortable

The Indian forwards struggled to find the form that gave them comfortable wins in the first two games of the series.

India made two changes up front in the second half, but the move did not pay off until three minutes from the end when centre forward Jagbir Singh pounced on a rebound and pushed the ball home. The next game is scheduled for Lahore on August 7.

India — R.S. Rawat, Pargat Singh, Ashok Kumar, Maneyande Somayya, Vivek Singh, Sujit Kumar (sub M.P. Singh), Kuldip Kumar (sub Jagbir Singh), Mervyn Fernandes (sub Mohammed Shahid), Balwinder Singh, Jude Felix, Thobias Singh. Pakistan — Mansoor Ahmad, Nasir Ali, Qazi Mohib, Amar Zafar, Ishrat Khan, Naeem Akhtar, Qamar Ibrahim, Shahbaz Ahmad, Musadique Mohammad, Zahid Sharif, Khalid Hamid (sub Tariq Sheikh).

Brazil end European tour on winning note

VIENNA, Aug. 5. (UPI): Brazil's Olympic team, spearheaded by second-half goals from Edmar and Andrade, concluded their current tour of Europe on Wednesday with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Austria. The South Americans, favoured to do well in Seoul, have not been defeated for 10 consecutive matches.

While the 4-0 victory over neighbouring Hungary in its last international on May 17 entered the match optimistically, they were no match for the Brazilian brand of magic, grace and speed. The determined Austrians held a tenuous control over the match for the first 20 minutes. Ogris penetrated the Brazilian defence in the fifth minute, sliding the ball just wide of the net. Zsak's attempt in the 15th ended firmly in Brazilian goalie Taffel's arms.

But it was the Brazilians who had the best scoring chance of the first half when Nelsinho slipped through the Austrians only to see his shot deflect off the right hand post.

Then he made up for time lost waiting for the track to dry after heavy rain in the morning with a best lap of one minute 29.589 seconds. This was two-tenths of a second quicker than Italian Alessandro Nannini in a Benetton, the only other driver to lap below the one minute 30 second barrier. Britain's Nigel Mansell in a Williams was third quickest ahead of his teammate, Italian Riccardo Patrese. But both were frustrated at the finish as they had led the normally-aspirated challenge and frequently topped the timings before Prost intervened.

Senna, in the only other turbo-powered car in the top six, was

ENGLAND LOSE THREE SECOND INNINGS WICKETS

Benjamin puts W. Indies back in the game

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Two wickets in five balls by Winston Benjamin rocked England after Neil Foster had bowled them into a potentially match-winning position on the second day of the fifth and final Test against West Indies at the Oval today.

Paceman Foster had bowled superbly to dismiss the top five batsmen at a personal cost of 64 runs as West Indies were shot out for 183 in their first innings in reply to England's 205.

Then, for the first time in the series in which they are already 3-0 down, England's batsmen looked totally comfortable against West Indies' pace attack as openers Graham Gooch and Tim Curtis raised to a half-century partnership.

But after a day in which they had been in complete command, England lost three wickets in rapid succession in the final 45 minutes to be 64 for three at the close, a lead of 86.

Fast bowler Malcolm Marshall made the vital breakthrough, trapping Tim Curtis leg before for 15 and in doing so took his 35th wicket of the series, a record for a rubber between the two countries.

Then Benjamin struck his double blow, bowling Rob Bailey for three and having Robin Smith

leg before without scoring. Nightwatchman Foster survived the final, these overs to be one not out at the close with Gooch unbeaten on 38 and the match evenly poised.

Yesterday Gooch attempted to play down a short-pitched delivery from Ambrose but lobbed the ball gently to Gus Logie at short leg.

Curtis, who responded to his captain's downfall by hooking Marshall for two consecutive fours, and Bailey took the score to 56 for one at lunch against the four-pronged fast bowling attack.

They had brief respite when Viv Richards brought on Roger Harper and fellow off-spinner Carl Hooper immediately before the interval, but the West Indian captain turned to his fast bowlers after the break and was soon rewarded.

Curtis and Bailey, whose half century partnership came in 25 overs, seemed to be dominating when Benjamin produced a ball of near-yorker length which Curtis played slightly across and was given out caught behind.

Smith, an instinctively attacking batsman, pulled his first delivery for four and also produced one or two rasping square cuts, while Bailey drove fluently on the off-side and played well off his legs.



Foster: five for 84

The third-wicket pair had put on 39 and guided England to 116 for two when Bailey, perhaps feeling rather tired after nearly three and a half hours in the Test arena for the first time, suffered a lapse of concentration.

Curtley Ambrose, who had

used the short ball liberally, tried one with the penultimate delivery before tea and Bailey, pushing forward without conviction edged it and was snapped up by Dujon.

Matthew Maynard's first Test innings of three runs ended with a

poor stroke against Ambrose. He aimed an off-side force but without moving his feet properly, edged the ball and Dujon made the catch at the second attempt.

Smith and David Capel held firm in a fifth wicket stand of 39 until Harper was recalled and captured two wickets in rapid succession.

Capel pushed forward at a ball that went on with the arm and Marshall held a low catch at first slip, while wicketkeeper Jack Richards failed to smother a delivery properly and fell to a bat-pad catch by Logie at short leg.

With only five runs added, Marshall struck his first blow when Pringle played at a ball outside off stump that he could have left and was caught behind. England at that point had declined from 160 for four to 165 for seven.

Phillip Defreitas adopted his natural attacking approach, hitting 18 in a stand of 31 with Smith, before being caught by Desmond Haynes at silly mid-off.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings
G. Gooch c Logie b Ambrose 9
T. Curtis c Dujon b Benjamin 38
R. Bailey c Dujon b Ambrose 43
R. Smith c Harper b Marshall 57
M. Maynard c Dujon b Ambrose 3
D. Capel c Marshall b Harper 16

J. Richards c Logie b Harper 0
D. Pringle c Dujon b Marshall 1
P. Defreitas c Haynes b Harper 18
N. Foster c sub b Marshall 7
J. Childs not out 0
Extras (lb-6 nb-15) 21
Total (all out) 205
Fall of wickets: 1-12 2-77 3-116 4-121 5-160 6-167 7-165 8-196 9-198.
Bowling: Marshall 24.3-3-64-3, Ambrose 20-6-31-3, Walsh 10-1-21-0, Benjamin 14-2-33-1, Harper 21-7-50-3, Hooper 1-1-0-0.

WEST INDIES first innings
G. Greenidge c Defreitas b Foster 19
D. Haynes c Richards b Foster 2
C. Hooper c Gooch b Foster 11
V. Richards c Curtis b Foster 0
G. Logie c Gooch b Foster 47
J. Dujon b Pringle 64
R. Harper run out 17
M. Marshall c and b Childs 10
C. Ambrose not out 17
W. Benjamin b Pringle 6
C. Walsh c Defreitas b Pringle 5
Extras (lb-7 w-1 nb-2) 10
Total (all out) 183
Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-16 3-16 4-57 5-126 6-155 7-156 8-167 9-165.
Bowling: Foster 16-2-64-5, Defreitas 13-4-33-0, Pringle 16-4-45-3, Capel 7-0-21-0, Childs 6-1-13-1.

ENGLAND second innings
G. Gooch not out 38
T. Curtis b Marshall 15
R. Bailey b Benjamin 3
R. Smith b b Benjamin 0
N. Foster not out 7
Extras (lb-4 nb-3) 7
Total (for three wickets) 64 — close
Fall of wickets: 1-50 2-55 3-55.
Bowling to date: Marshall 11-3-24-1, Ambrose 5-0-21-0, Benjamin 10-3-15-2.

Sri Lanka hold Minor Counties

SLEAFORD, England, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Minor Counties captain Steve Plumb lashed 108 from only 112 deliveries to bring his team close to a surprise win over Sri Lanka in their two-day cricket match which ended today.

Set a tough target of 281 in a maximum of 49 overs, Minor Counties made a bold attempt but were pegged back to 234 for seven at the close and a draw. Sri Lanka had earlier declared their second innings at 240 for four, the third declaration of the match, after Roshan Mahanama scored a stylish 53 and fellow opener Amar Silver 53.

Both were eventually trapped leg before by off-spinner Rupert Evans but Atula Samarasekera kept the scoreboard moving briskly by clubbing a rapid 38.

Paceman Champaka Ramanayake was the most successful

bowler for the visitors, taking four wickets for 80.

Yesterday Silva hit his highest tour score of 76, spurring Sri Lanka's cricketers to 234 for four declared on the opening day.

The left-handed opener twice survived difficult chances to David Thomas at third slip during a three-hour innings containing 14 fours, while Brendon Kuruppu scored a fluent 52 and Dulleep Mendis struck an unbeaten 44 in 69 balls.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA
R. Mahanama c Plumb b Hale 13
A. Silva c Garman b Evans 76
B. Kuruppu b Hale 52
D. Mendis not out 44
A. Ramanayake c Henderson b Evans 3
H. Tillekeratne not out 8
Extras (lb-8 nb-1 w-1 nb-11) 28
Total (for four wickets, declared) 234
Fall of wickets: 1-29 2-133 3-175 4-191.
Bowling: Hale 15-1-71-2, Black 19-6-44-0, Evans 18-2-45-2, Thomas 5-2-

18-0, O'Brien 9-3-30-0.

Did not bat: Atula Samarasekera, Champaka Ramanayake, Saliya Abangama, Brian Rajadurai, Dos Amarasingi.

MINOR COUNTIES first innings (overnight 184 for five)
C. Stockdale c Mendis b Abangama 29
S. Plumb c Silva b Samarasekera 29
N. Folland b Amarasingi 25
S. Henderson b b Tillekeratne 31
M. Fell c Rajadurai b Amarasingi 29
M. Garman not out 6
Extras (lb-1 nb-2 w-1 nb-7) 11
Total (for five wickets, declared) 184
Fall of wickets: 1-44 2-113 3-118 4-169 5-184.

Did not bat: D. Thomas, D. Black, R. Evans, D. Hale, J. O'Brien.
Bowling: Ramanayake 5-0-26-0, Abangama 11-1-37-1, Rajadurai 4-0-21-0, Amarasingi 10-0-47-2, Samarasekera 9-2-26-1, Tillekeratne 1-0-13-0, Ramanayake 4-1-11-0.

SRI LANKA second innings

R. Mahanama b b Evans 92
A. Silva b Evans 53
H. Tillekeratne b Evans 28
A. Samarasekera c Garman b Black 38
D. Mendis not out 12
Extras (lb-3 w-5 nb-7) 15
Total (four wickets, declared) 240
Fall of wickets: 1-108 2-167 3-223 4-223.
Bowling: Hale 6-0-33-0, Black 12-1-65-1, Evans 24-5-66-3, O'Brien 18-2-73-0.

D. Mendis not out 12

B. Kuruppu not out 15

Extras (lb-3 w-5 nb-7) 15
Total (four wickets, declared) 240
Fall of wickets: 1-108 2-167 3-223 4-223.

Bowling: Hale 6-0-33-0, Black 12-1-65-1, Evans 24-5-66-3, O'Brien 18-2-73-0.

MINOR COUNTIES second innings

C. Stockdale c Silva b Ramanayake 2
S. Plumb c Tillekeratne b Ramanayake 108
N. Folland b b Abangama 1
S. Henderson c Samarasekera b Amarasingi 39
M. Fell b b Ramanayake 25
M. Garman not out 37
D. Thomas b Ramanayake 1
D. Black run out 4
D. Hale not out 11
Extras (lb-10 nb-1) 11
Total (for seven wickets) 234
Fall of wickets: 1-19 2-23 3-124 4-175 5-204 6-209 7-223.

Bowling: Ramanayake 19-4-80-4, Abangama 10-1-47-1, Amarasingi 12-1-59-1, Samarasekera 5-0-38-0.

Result: Match drawn.

Gatting fined \$8,500 for flouting TCCB rules

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Former England captain Mike Gatting has been fined a record \$8,500 (\$8,500) for flouting Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) rules over his recently published biography.

The fine was imposed by the TCCB on Wednesday when Gatting spent six and a half hours before the board's disciplinary committee at Lord's.

Secked

Gatting's punishment continued his off-field troubles this summer in which he was sacked as England skipper after the first Test against West Indies, opted out of the second and fourth games of the series, and then announced last week he would be unavailable for Test cricket again until next year.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said in a statement issued after the hearing that Gatting would have been fined at least £10,000 pounds (\$17,000) but for his "previous exemplary record."

The previous highest disciplinary fine imposed by the board was the £2,000 (\$3,400) former England fast bowler Chris Old had to pay in 1982 following a contentious newspaper article.

The TCCB's statement called the offence one of a "serious nature" and said that "any future breaches of this nature of the board's regulations will attract penalties of like severity."

Gatting faced charges of acting without the board's consent, and in breach of his England contract. What upset the board about the book, entitled "Leading From the Front", was a chapter on last year's controversial

Pakistan tour and his public row with umpire Shakoor Rana at Faisalabad.

The disciplinary committee found Gatting guilty of the charge relating to the book but dismissed a similar charge relating to an article in the Sunday Times on June 12 previewing the book which was published the following day.

Gatting lost the England captaincy for "acting irresponsibly," by inviting a woman back to his hotel room during the first Test.

He ruled himself out of the second Test because he was "not in the right frame of mind" and, after hearing he had to appear before the TCCB over his autobiography, gave a similar reason for missing the fourth Test.

Today, Gatting rejected the advice of his lawyers and decided not to appeal against his fine. Gatting was given 28 days to appeal, but said today: "I was disappointed although not surprised by the decision of the committee to find me guilty of one of the charges and I was shocked at the severity of the penalty."

Instructed

"My solicitors have advised me that they consider I have grounds for appeal, but I have instructed them not to proceed."

"This has been a long drawn-out matter and I do not believe that it is in the best interests of myself, the TCCB or the game of cricket for it to continue. I believe there are more pertinent problems within the game to which time and effort should be directed."

Border holds Essex together

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Australian captain Allan Border hit an unbeaten 110 yesterday to hold the Essex first innings together on the second day of their three-day English Championship cricket match against Northamptonshire.

Border struck 15 boundaries in his five-hour innings which was largely responsible for Essex reaching 238.

At the close Northamptonshire had slumped to 60 for five in their second innings, a lead of 105, with former England all-rounder Geoff Miller capturing three for 23 from 12 overs of off-spin.

England reject David Gower narrowly missed a century for Leicestershire against Kent at

Canterbury, scoring 90 from 169 balls with 15 fours.

Leicestershire were eventually dismissed for 247 in their first innings, 80 behind.

Scores

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 283 in 94.4 overs and 60 for five. Essex 238 in 87.3 overs (A. Border 110 not out, N. Husain 45, M. Robinson three for 34).

At Canterbury: Kent 327 in 115.4 overs (J. Agnew seven for 61). Leicestershire 247 in 99.4 overs (D. Gower 90, C. Penn five for 68).

At Weston-Super-Mare: Surrey 148 in 70.1 overs and 119 (V. Marks five for 41, N. Mallerder three for 18). Somerset 159 in 61.1 overs (K. Medleycott five

for 55, I. Greig four for 40) and 55 for four.

At Eastbourne: Sussex 279 in 103.3 overs and 65 for one. Hampshire 253 for six declared in 85.5 overs (J. Ayling 86, V. Terry 53, D. Turner 44, A. Babington four for 70).

At Sheffield: Yorkshire 337 in 108.5 overs (P. Robinson 129 not out, E. Emmings four for 73). Nottinghamshire 110 for six off 33 overs (P. Johnson 69 not out).

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 356 for eight declared in 118 overs (P. Bairstow 119, D. Reeve four for 71) and 55 for one. Warwickshire 307 for seven declared in 80.3 overs (Asif Din 84, D. Thorne 74, P. Smith 50 not out, A. Moles 41, T. Alderman three for 62).

Mennea may go to Olympics

ROME, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Italy's veteran 200 metres world record holder Pietro Mennea will go to the Seoul Olympics if he proves his fitness at a series of meetings this month, Italian athletics chief Primo Nebiolo said today.

Nebiolo, president of the Italian Athletics Federation FIDAL, said the 36-year-old sprinter would represent Italy in a triangular meeting against Cuba and Canada in Cesenatico on August 13 and 14 and run in Grosseto on August 10 and at Sestriere the following day.

"I have seen Mennea and we agreed that, if he is fit, he will go to Seoul," Nebiolo told a news conference in Rome. "It all depends on how he does at Grosseto and in Sestriere."

Prost fastest in Hungarian GP practice

BUDAPEST, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Frenchman Alain Prost resisted an impressive challenge by normally-aspirated contenders to grab provisional pole position late in today's opening qualifying session for Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix motor race.

The world championship leader, three points ahead of McLaren teammate Ayrton Senna of Brazil in the drivers' title race, had been out of contention during most of the session until the closing seconds.

Then he made up for time lost waiting for the track to dry after heavy rain in the morning with a best lap of one minute 29.589 seconds.

This was two-tenths of a second quicker than Italian Alessandro Nannini in a Benetton, the only other driver to lap below the one minute 30 second barrier. Britain's Nigel Mansell in a Williams was third quickest ahead of his teammate, Italian Riccardo Patrese. But both were frustrated at the finish as they had led the normally-aspirated challenge and frequently topped the timings before Prost intervened.

Senna, in the only other turbo-powered car in the top six, was



Prost adjusts the mirrors of his McLaren car before the practice. (Reuters wirephoto)

fifth quickest with Belgian Thierry Boutsen sixth in the second normally-aspirated Benetton.

The Ferraris of Austrian Gerhard Berger and Italian Michele Alboreto were seventh and eighth in the session, but world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil was unable to improve on 22nd position on the provisional grid in his Lotus despite driving

19 laps — five more than Prost and four more than Nannini.

Nannini's time, like Prost's, was also recorded in the final minute of an eventful session which saw the turbo-powered cars frequently outpaced on the long, slow and twisting Hungarian circuit 20 kilometres north of Budapest.

After the heavy rain, the nimble Williams and Benetton cars

were the most effective on the slippery surface and Mansell, unhindered after a week spent recovering from chicken pox, led the timings for most of the session ahead of Senna and Alboreto.

Mansell said afterwards he felt "pretty awful" following five days in bed without eating but hoped to feel better tomorrow.

Meanwhile, world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil has won the last two Hungarian Grand Prix motor races but knows there is little chance he can make it three in a row on Sunday.

Perhaps the best Piquet, who was 22nd fastest today, can realistically hope for is third place as the "dream team" of Prost and Senna continue their private scrap for the World Drivers' Championship.

Piquet, who drove a Williams to victory at the slow 4.013-km Hungaroring circuit in 1986 and 1987, has yet to finish in the first two this season with Lotus, who are seeking their first Formula-One win since Senna triumphed at Detroit last year.

Like everyone else, he has already admitted the season belongs to the McLaren team whose nine successive wins have put them on course for a host of

new entries in the constructors' record books.

The Honda turbo-powered team's results, which include six first and second finishes this season, have already enabled them to equal Alfa Romeo's 1950-51 record of nine successive victories.

Now Ferrari's all-time record of 14 straight wins, set during 1952 and 1953, is in their sights as Prost, attempts to fend off Senna's challenge and win his third world title.

Record

But while another McLaren victory at the purpose-built Hungaroring track 20 kilometres out of Budapest may seem a foregone conclusion, the car's record in Hungary offers a glimmer of hope to the rest of the field.

In the inaugural Hungarian Grand Prix in 1986, the McLaren team failed to score any points and in 1987 Prost was forced to struggle in with a misfiring engine to claim third place.

This time the normally-aspirated teams have made confident predictions for the Hungaroring where the combination of short straights and long corners is likely to reduce the advantage of the turbo-powered cars.



Recalde makes a dangerous turn at start of the rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

Recalde keeps Biasion at bay in Argentine rally

CORDOBA, Argentina, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Home hope Jorge Recalde kept Italy's Massimo Biasion at bay yesterday as the Lancia teammates fought for command of the Argentine rally.

World championship leader Biasion started the second leg in fine form, reducing Recalde's lead of 20 seconds from Wednesday's first leg to just two seconds.

But the Argentine widened the gap to 15 seconds ahead of today's third leg after fighting back in the later stages of the day.

The rally became a duel as Biasion challenged for his third

straight win in the South American round of the series. Franz Wittmann of Austria, also in a Lancia, was left almost 11 minutes behind in third place.

Standings

1. Jorge Recalde (Argentina) Lancia Delta three hours 10 minutes 58 seconds; 2. Massimo Biasion (Italy) Lancia Delta 15 seconds behind; 3. Franz Wittmann (Austria) Lancia Delta 10 minutes 53 seconds; 4. Ernesto Soto (Argentina) Renault 18 19:22; 5. Rudi Stroh (Austria) Audi Quattro 27:04; 6. Gustavo Trelles (Spain) VW Golf 27:48; 7. Jose Celsi (Chile) Subaru 4WD 36:44; 8. Claudio Israel (Chile) Toyota Corolla 38:33; 9. Juan Traverso (Argentina) Renault 18 40:57; 10. Marcelo Raies (Argentina) Renault 18 41:48.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Roberto Duran

PANAMA CITY, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Roberto Duran, part-time salsa singer, actor and self-described legend, has come home to Panama to train for a crack at a fourth world boxing championship. Duran, whose sledgehammer fists brought him the nickname "Hands of Stone," is hoping to challenge World Boxing Council middleweight champion Iran Barkley of the US later this year.

Ellis wins

ADELAIDE, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Australia's Lester Ellis moved closer to another world title, opportunity yesterday when he outpointed Briton Tony Laing to claim the Commonwealth lightweight welterweight boxing title.

Paez triumphs

MEXICALI, Mexico, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Mexican Jorge Paez won the International Boxing Federation featherweight title yesterday with a split decision over champion Calvin Grove of the United States.

Leconte loses

KITZBUHEL, Austria, Aug. 5. (Reuters): Dizzy and exhausted, top seed Henri Leconte tumbled out of the \$290,000 Kitzbuhel Grand Prix today in uncharacteristic fashion, losing in straight sets to Argentina's Alberto Mancini.

Tracy Austin

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 5. (Reuters): American Tracy Austin, US Open champion in 1979 and 1981 at the ages of 16 and 18,